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Lebanon protests Israeli attacks to United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Lebanon Thursday protested to the U.N. against "unwarranted and unprovoked attacks" by Israel and reserved the right to call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

In a letter to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Lebanese U.N. representative Ghassan Tuani said three people were killed and 16 wounded Wednesday when eight Israeli aircraft, in a 30-minute raid, dropped cluster bombs, fired rockets and strafed an area from Adhoun in the north to Bourj Al-Shimali in the south, destroying or damaging some houses.

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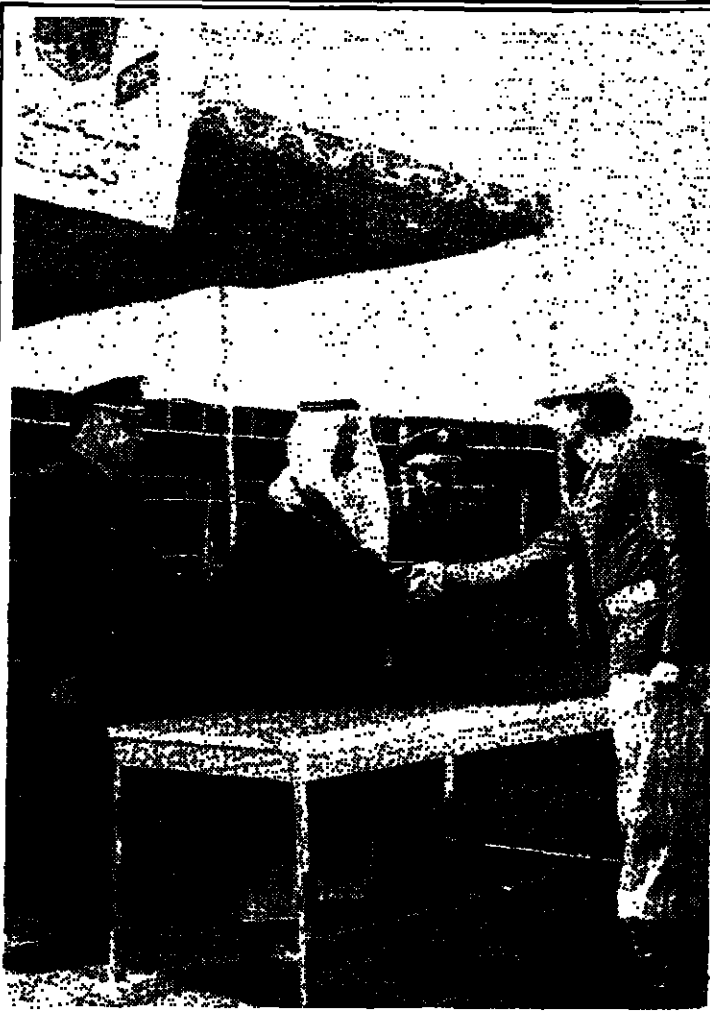
Syrian ADF truck wrecked by explosion

BEIRUT, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — A remote-controlled blast Friday rocked a Syrian army transport truck on the main Beirut-Damascus highway at a spot five kilometers east of the Lebanese capital.

In Paris, a previously unheard-of group calling itself the "movement of Lebanese free will" claimed responsibility for the bombing — the third such incident in three months.

Police sources said the driver of the truck and a soldier sitting next to him in the cab of the vehicle were wounded in the explosion, but that eight others escaped injury.

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MAINTENANCE: Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan hands a diploma to one of the new graduates at the Maintenance Corps School in Taif Thursday.

New Iran government expected in few days

TEHRAN, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — The justice ministry announced Friday it would review the cases of all 200 convicted political prisoners remaining in Iranian jails, as politicians said sociology professor Gholam Hossein Sadiqi was making significant progress in his attempt to form a reconciliation government that would help bring peace to Iran.

"Things are going so well right now that we could have a government within the next few days," said one politician close to Sadiqi.

Although most of those approached by Sadiqi with offers of positions in his proposed cabinet have turned him down, politicians said opposition leaders had adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward the Shah's old political foe and were ready to support him if he stuck to his avowed constitutional principles.

In agreeing to attempt the formation of a new government, Sadiqi, 73, demanded and received assurances that the Shah would not interfere in the affairs of the government and would permit a reorganization of the Savak secret police.

Sadiqi is reported to have also received assurances that the cabinet would have a final say on the Iranian military budget.

In an attempt to defuse widespread criticism of the regime, the justice ministry hinted it would free all convicted political prisoners once their cases had been reviewed.

Some 3,300 political prisoners have been released from Iranian jails thus far this year in amnesties ordered by the Shah.

The ministry also said it would introduce a bill in parliament calling for the records of all freed political prisoners to be wiped clean.

Under current regulations, persons convicted of political crimes are barred from holding many kinds of jobs, particularly in the public sector.

Schools open today

Meanwhile, Tehran's secondary schools, closed for six weeks, were to reopen Saturday.

But martial law authorities warned that if secondary schools became embroiled in future violence against the Shah, campuses would close and students would lose an entire academic year.

The school year in Iran runs from October to June.

The decision to reopen the schools was seen as further evidence of a relaxation of tensions in the capital.

Tehran and 11 other Iranian cities remain under a 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew and demonstrations have been banned.

No serious incidents have been reported in this city of 4.5 million since Wednesday, when a policeman and an anti-Shah demonstrator were killed in a shooting in the main bazaar.

No date has been announced for the reopening of Tehran University, which was closed Nov. 6 after rioting that left over 20 dead.

Soldiers in full combat gear prevented a group of people from entering a university building Friday where about 100 professors are staging a sit-in to demand reopening of the campus.

There were no serious incidents. Armed troops stood guard by gates to the university grounds.

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Khalil, Dayan in Brussels

Treaty talks resume today

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil arrived in Brussels for new efforts to revive the stalled peace talks with Israel.

Egyptian sources said he expected to have a meeting Saturday with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who will bring together the prime minister and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Both the Israelis and the Egyptians have taken a tough stand in advance of the week-end talks.

Dayan, who arrived on Wednesday, said Thursday that demands made by Egypt were unacceptable.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said Thursday night that the agreement on Sinai must be linked with complete self-rule for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of Jordan.

Dayan claimed this was a new Egyptian condition and urged Vance not to try using Egypt's demands as a basis for negotiation.

The Camp David agreements drawn up in September by Presidents Carter and Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin called for Egypt and Israel to exchange ambassadors nine months after a peace treaty.

This is the deadline for the evacuation by Israel of half the Sinai peninsula, which it occupied in 1967.

Vance flies to Brussels Saturday from Geneva, where he has been holding talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on strategic arms limitations.

Neither the exact time of his arrival nor the venue of his Brussels talks with Khalil and Dayan has been fixed yet.

Vance is expected to meet the two men separately first, in the hope of arranging a tripartite meeting for Saturday night or Sunday.

The talks are expected to finish Sunday. They are aimed at reviving the negotiations, stalled since earlier this month, when Israel said it could not agree to Egyptian demands.

Dayan said he had no power to negotiate in Brussels, only to fix a date for further detailed talks.

In order to do this he will have to be satisfied that there is a basis on which negotiations are worth resuming.

Two hours after he arrived, Khalil received Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet, who earlier Friday took part in talks between Dayan and the European Common Market. (Story on page 3).

In Bonn West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Friday urged his Israeli counterpart to continue peace talks with Egypt, the foreign minister said.

A statement, on a meeting between the two ministers in Brussels Friday morning said Genscher underlined Europe's interest in overcoming the split in the Arab camp over the Egyptian-Israeli peace initiative.

Genscher also expressed the hope that the present standstill in the peace talks could be overcome.

In Cairo, Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali said Egypt hoped the Brussels meeting will signal the beginning of a new dialogue. He did not exclude the possibility that the Brussels talks might lead to a new Camp David type summit.

He was confident the difficulties will be overcome and Egypt will obtain the cooperation of the Palestinians for implementation of the Camp David agreement.

Ghali told a news conference Egypt was demanding the following:

— Interpretative letters to the proposed draft treaty that would state Egypt's commitment to other Arab countries.

— Any aggression against any Arab country will be considered as an aggression against Egypt, Ghali said.

— An exchange of identical letters, which Ghali referred to as "a complementary treaty" — setting the end of 1979 as a target date for the election of an autonomous council in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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6 Gandhi supporters killed in new violence

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Six people were killed Friday as massive protest continued across India against the jailing of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Two were killed and seven injured when police opened fire on about 5,000 pro-Gandhi demonstrators trying to set fire to a police station in the western city of Agra.

Two more were killed and three seriously injured when police fired on a violent crowd in the southern town of Bangalore, in Karnataka state, where Mrs. Gandhi made her return to parliament last night.

One person died when police fired to break up a clash between pro and anti-Gandhi factions in Vengaloor in southern Andhra Pradesh state and another was killed in clashes in the West Bengal capital of Calcutta.

More than 50,000 people have now been arrested in the countryside agitation since Mrs. Gandhi was taken from parliament to Delhi's Tihar jail Tuesday night, and at least 18 have been killed.

Over 15,000 people are in jail in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Mrs. Gandhi's party stronghold until she lost heavily there in last year's general election, and similar numbers in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra states.

Protest demonstrations showed no signs of easing as Mrs. Gandhi spent a fourth night in prison.

Clashes between police and Mrs. Gandhi's supporters also occurred at Hubli in Karnataka state, where five people have died so far.

The country's two largest cities, Calcutta and Bombay, were partially hit by a general strike called by Mrs. Gandhi's supporters.

The Burtia Bazaar, Calcutta's main business center, was closed along with several other markets in the city.

Bangalore, capital of southern Karnataka state, which has suffered several violent demonstrations this week, was quiet Friday.

The two hijackers of an Indian Airlines Boeing 737, commandeered as a political protest against the treatment of Mrs. Gandhi, were Friday remanded in custody by a magistrate in Lucknow.

The two men, Devendra Pandey and Bhola Nath Pandey, who held 129 passengers and crew for 14 hours at Varanasi Thursday, have been charged with kidnapping and illegal confinement.

The hijackers, who surrendered unconditionally to the state chief minister Ram Narash Yadav, demanded the release of Mrs. Gandhi.

In a separate development India's ruling Janata Party moved closer to a split Friday with charges by former Home Minister Charan Singh that he was sacked for insisting on an inquiry into corruption allegations against Prime Minister Morarji Desai's son.

His charges, made in a statement to India's lower house (Lok Sabha), followed the failure Thursday of efforts to heal the rift between the two men.

Desai sacked Singh, once the number two man in the cabinet, last June.

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OPEC official says price increase final

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Ali Jaidah, the former secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said Friday that OPEC will not reconsider its four-stage 14.5 per cent increase in crude oil prices decided last Sunday.

He referred to a recent statement issued by President Carter declaring that the hike would endanger world economic recovery and efforts to slow inflation.

"The price increase was justified and will not be reconsidered," Jaidah told a news conference.

He said OPEC may even consider a further oil price increase if the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar should continue.

The conference of OPEC oil ministers decided at Abu Dhabi Dec. 17 to raise the cost of a standard barrel of oil by 14.5 per cent by October 1979, ending a freeze on basic petroleum prices that OPEC had maintained for two years.

The rise will take place in four stages over next year.

A statement issued by the Carter administration earlier this week said "we regret OPEC's decision and hope that it will be reconsidered before the next steps take effect."

Jaidah said there can be no question of a reconsideration of the price hike.

Jaidah, from Qatar, has been replaced as secretary general at the recent OPEC oil ministers conference at Abu Dhabi by Rene Ortiz of Ecuador, after his two-year term had expired.

In Caracas Venezuela's Foreign Minister Alberto Simon Consalvi has accused industrial nations of attempting to split the unity of OPEC, but he said the efforts have failed.

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After self-rule

Israel may retain West Bank powers

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (R) — The general in charge of Israel's occupation forces said Friday that Jewish settlements on Arab lands were "part of our defense philosophy" and very important to Israel's security.

Maj.-Gen. Abraham Ori also indicated at a press conference that the Israeli military administration might retain some of its powers even if self-rule were agreed for the West Bank and Gaza.

"For the past 100 years settlements have been part of our defense philosophy," Ori said in reply to questions.

"We believe that settlements in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip are a part of our history and emotion but in fact they do contribute directly to the defense of the state of Israel and they do play a very important part in the defense structure of Israel."

Asked about the likely shape of the autonomy regime proposed in the Camp David accords, Ori claimed the accords "provided for withdrawal, and not abolition," of the military government.

"Some of the laws introduced by the military government since 1967 might prevail during the five-year transitional period (stipulated in the Camp David accords)," Ori said.

Only sets on an Israeli government committee which is working out details of autonomy as Israel sees it.

Unconfirmed reports said a move was afoot in the committee to keep the military administration in being after autonomy but to move it away from the most heavily populated areas.

Only added that getting autonomy negotiations started was hampered by the unwillingness of West Bank and Gaza residents to take part.

Only claimed the Arabs (on the West Bank) were free to travel to Israel and abroad and had freedom of speech "provided there is no incitement."

He said the military government still had to give top priority to law and order "but every effort was made to ensure only the guilty were punished."

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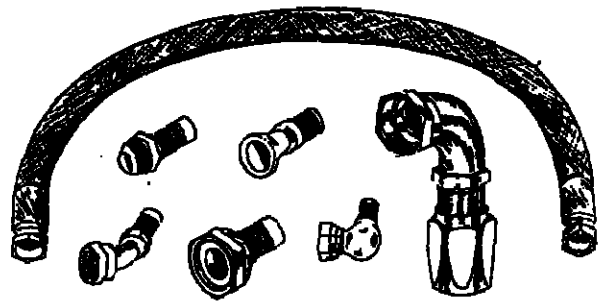
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Syria gets SR49m Saudi loan; Bangladesh given help promise

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—The Saudi Fund for Development and the government of Syria signed an agreement in Damascus Thursday under which the fund will provide SR49.2 million to finance the extension of Damascus Airport.

Meanwhile in Dacca Thursday, Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia signed a technical and economic cooperation protocol, official sources said. The protocol was signed before the departure of Saudi Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail at the end of a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh Finance Minister M. N. Huda told reporters he hoped Riyadh would give favorable consideration to Bangladesh's financial needs.

He expressed satisfaction over the Saudi minister's assurance that the Saudi government would do its best to help Bangladesh in its development efforts.

The Damascus project, which is expected to be completed by the end of 1980, includes extension of the passenger lounge, improvement of navigation facilities and refurbishing of the arrival and departure hall.

"Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Friday that the two sides signed another agreement according to which the SFD increased its loan for the road from Damascus to the western border from SR 40 million to SR 75 million.

In the two agreements, total SFD commitments to Syria have reached SR 634.2 million,

the paper said.

The agreements were signed by Dr. Khaled Abdullah Al-Masoud, a member of the SFD board and Dr. George Hauranah, Syrian minister of state for planning.

Senegal said

Saudi Arabia, through the SFD and other agencies, is participating in the financing of three quarters of Senegal's vital development projects. Senegal's new ambassador to Saudi Arabia Muhammad Shamsuddin Al-Nadawi said in an interview published by "Al-Bilad" Thursday.

Most important of these is the Gama Dam on the Senegal River, which is being launched by the three countries of the Organization of



Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail

Senegal River States—Mali, Mauritania and Senegal, he said.

The presidents of all three countries visited the Kingdom earlier this year for talks on finance for the project, which is expected to be contract in the near future, he said.

Another major Saudi-financed project in Senegal is the Menentati Dam to provide water for irrigation and rice production, the ambassador said.

Kingdom nearing self-sufficiency in flour

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—The board of the General Authority for Grain Silos and Flour Mills meets here Saturday under Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim to discuss moves toward reducing dependence on imports.

Director General Dr. Ahmad Al-Shinawi said Thursday that in the central northern provinces, flour mills were working at full capacity and had replaced imports.

Prices were now lower there than for imported flour because of state subsidies representing, in some cases, 70-75 per cent of production costs. As soon as the Jeddah mill is operational by the middle of next year, the Kingdom will be entirely self-sufficient, he said.

In the south, a grain silo will be constructed at Khamis Mushait as the nucleus of an integrated plant which will include a flour mill and an animal feed project, he said. The project will supply total demand in the south. Until it is constructed, the south will receive imported flour from Jeddah and, after mid-1979, flour from the Jeddah mill.

In Dammam and Qasim, grain silos have been in operation for the last four months and are taking wheat from farmers at subsidized rates higher than world rates or imported wheat prices to encourage cultivation.

Jeddah to host

Islamic chamber

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—The next meeting of the new Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture will be held here at the end of March.

Its recently elected president, Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud said here Thursday. The 19 members of the executive board will attend the meeting at the Jeddah Chamber, which Abu Daoud also heads, and will discuss the Islamic Chamber's draft budget and administrative structure, he said.

Abu Daoud returned here from Karachi Thursday after leading his chamber's delegation to the Islamic Chamber's first session there last week.

divation. Ultimately the authority intends to create a 300,000-ton wheat buffer stock, Shinawi said.

The animal feed industry, which receives a state subsidy

of up to half of production costs, has been crucial in offsetting shortages in green fodder because of poor rains in certain regions, this year, he said.

In all of the authority's projects, workers are provided with housing on site since plants are shut down one day a week for maintenance, Shinawi said.

Aide tells conference

100,000 Saudis benefit from house loans

By Mary Jo McConahay
DHAHRAN, Dec. 22 — Over 100,000 private citizens from 100 towns have received loans from the Real Estate Development Fund to build their own homes in the last three years, Dr. Saleh Al-Malik deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs, said Thursday.

In addition, the REDF has granted about 1,000 investment loans to Saudi entrepreneurs for hotels, apartment buildings and light construction, said Dr. Al-Malik, who is a member of the REDF board.

Dr. Al-Malik was in Dhahran to deliver a keynote address at the international conference in Housing Problems in Developing Countries, which ended at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Friday. (Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi Friday afternoon received the delegates, SPA reported.)

Later, in an interview with "Arab News", the deputy minister said that the first instalments to fall due to the REDF, founded in 1973, were being

repaid on schedule.

The government charges no interest on the 25-year loans, which now range from maximums of SR100,000 to SR 300,000, depending on the city where the home is to be built.

Local costs
The REDF has determined the maximum for each city based on local costs of manpower, materials and other variables.

Dr. Al-Malik told the delegates that the board of the REDF does not intervene in regulating rents for homes or apartment buildings, even though they were built with government loans. Nevertheless, the government is "taking this problem seriously." Six months ago the Royal Cabinet set up a committee to recommend rules for rent charges, leases and related items. "That committee is progressing and we expect results very soon," Dr. Al-Malik later told "Arab News".

The deputy minister blamed real estate speculation which ties up large plots of inner-city land for "chasing people to the periphery" of the towns,

thereby causing an urban "horizontal spread." No regulation taxes speculators or forces them to sell if the land remains undeveloped, he said, although the municipalities are "aware of the situation and are considering solutions."

Outskirts
Dr. Al-Malik said many people who want to build houses now go the outskirts where they can be granted land by the municipalities, but there is such demand that it is difficult to keep pace with infrastructure requirements. Sometimes there is a lag, he said, "between getting land, getting a loan, and getting the basic needs of your life."

In the Kingdom, unlike some countries, basic facilities are not the responsibility of the municipality. Preparing an area for house-building may involve separate ministries, including Industry and Electricity, Telecommunications, Agriculture and Water and others. In the face of the eagerness of private Saudi citizens to build their own housing, the delay in adequately prepared sites is a "huge and very

acute problem," the deputy minister said.

Migrations

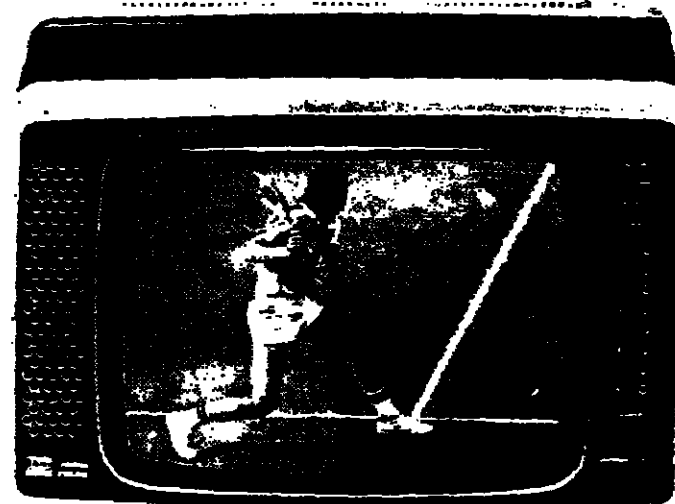
Dr. Al-Malik said municipalities shared a target to curb the massive migrations into the cities from the countryside and small desert villages, and other ministries were taking equal part in the effort. The Ministries of Education, and Higher Education, for example, have established six junior colleges in different towns and universities were opening local chapters or campuses. In an effort to bring municipal services to rural areas, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs itself has a program of — 16 "village settlements" — a sort of town center in the midst of scattered villages.

Eighty per cent of Riyadh's growth in the last decade, the deputy minister added, has come from migration.

Providing civic park land for recreation is a "main objective," of local municipalities, Dr. Al-Malik added. Nevertheless, he continued, "most of our projects are humbled by the cost of the land to be expropriated."

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W. Bankers, Gazans refuse to join talks on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (AP) — Local Palestinian leaders in the Israeli-occupied territories so far have refused to join the planned negotiations for Palestinian autonomy, an Israeli policy-maker conceded Friday.

Sadat wants U.S. to sign Suez-Canal neutrality pact

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (R) — President Anwar Sadat has said he wants the United States to join the group of countries guaranteeing the neutrality of the Suez Canal.

He told a political rally that he would call on the Egyptian People's Assembly (parliament) to pass a resolution asking the U.S. to sign the neutrality treaty, the 1888 Convention of Constantinople.

At present the only superpower among the guarantors is the Soviet Union. It inherited the responsibility from the government which signed the 1888 treaty along with France, Britain, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Spain, Turkey and Holland.

the title "coordinator of activities" for the Israeli military government in the West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip.

The general is a member of a top-level committee working out proposals Israel would make if negotiations get under way on the Palestinian issue as envisioned in the Camp David accords. Only spoke at a rare news conference for foreign

Sadat said he wanted the U.S. included as an expression of gratitude to President Carter. "I want to show Carter that manners, principles and values are worth it," he said.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials refused to elaborate, saying Sadat's statement was "quite sufficient".

Western diplomats said they believed the other signatories would have to approve the addition of the U.S.

They were at a loss to say whether the move was aimed at giving America parity with the Soviet Union in theoretical responsibility for the Canal's neutrality or whether the move was related to the current Middle East problem.

journalists.

The elected local officials and traditional figures in the West Bank and Gaza have been voicing opposition to Israel's autonomy plan, saying it falls far short of their goal of an independent state. Their opposition intensified when the autonomy plan was adopted in the Camp David accords as the basis for a five-year effort to solve the Palestinian issue.

The plan calls for the local Palestinians to join Israel, Egypt and Jordan in negotiations to decide the powers of an autonomous council and then to stand for elections to the council. The Palestinians' refusal to join has emerged as an important barrier in the separate negotiations between Israel and Egypt on a peace treaty.

Asked the number of Palestinians held for security offenses, Orly said 2,400 were in prisons, including 386 who were awaiting trial. In addition 20 are in "administrative detention," which means they are held indefinitely without trial.

Orly said the West Bank and Gaza populations "as a whole are favorable as far as the peace-making process is concerned. On the other hand, I would say no partners have arisen from the population who are ready to stand up and say 'OK, we are ready to join the negotiations'."

"The fact is, none of them is ready to join," he said. After the Camp David summit in September, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said he believed that local Palestinians would step forward.

But his optimism has not been borne out, and Orly's negative assessment was a rare public acknowledgement by an Israeli policy-maker of the development.

Ethiopian army moves north of Keren city

BELGRADE, Dec. 22 (AP) — Units of the Second Ethiopian Army in Eritrea are moving north from the recently taken town of Keren, 90 kilometers (56 miles) northwest of Asmara and have several important strategic centers under control, the Yugoslav news agency reported Friday quoting the official Ethiopian News Agency ENA.

The Tanjug dispatch from Addis Ababa, quoting ENA, said that after the recent opening of the road between Red Sea port of Massawa and Asmara, the Asmara-Keren highway has also been opened for civilian traffic.

"The report said that the Ethiopian army is advancing slowly in accord with policies of the government that taking territories is not the most important task in Eritrea, but 'politicalization of masses and their rehabilitation, in order to enable all to participate in revolutionary changes.'"

Qatar boycotts 31 Indian firms

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (AP) — Qatar has blacklisted 31 Indian business firms for violating the regulations of the Arab Boycott against Israel, the "Economic Times" newspaper reported Friday.

Qatar charged that the concerns used Israeli materials for chemicals, drugs and other products, the Delhi-based daily said. Samarendra Kundu, India's deputy foreign minister, told parliament that the government has requested the firms to comply with conditions set down by Qatar's Israeli Boycott Office. New Delhi maintains a pro-Arab policy in the Middle East.

"It is alleged by the Israeli Boycott Office in Qatar that these firms had imported chemicals and raw materials from Israel and processed them in their manufacturing for subsequent export to Arab countries," Kundu said. Companies blacklisted included Sylvania and Laxman Ltd., a joint Indo-American venture.

EEC to study problems of trade with Israel

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22 (AP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) Friday promised Israel to give special consideration to mutual trade problems in an effort to curb Israel's trade deficit of some one billion dollars with the nine-nation economic bloc in 1979.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan told reporters the meeting with his West German counterpart Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who chairs the European Council of Ministers, "opens encouraging prospects."

Dayan asked the Common Market to set up a special committee to study mutual trade problems. Genscher promised the EEC would organize a group of experts who will examine trade problems which are specific to Israel, mainly the trade in citrus fruit.

"Our main concern is the trade deficit but also our trade in agricultural products," Dayan said. Officials who attended the meeting said the Israelis insisted on improved access of their citrus exports to the Nine, particularly with the prospect of additional competition from other major citrus producers like Greece, Spain and Portugal which will become members of the Common Market in the near future.

Bertoli briefs Pope on Lebanon

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 22 (AP) — Cardinal Paolo Bertoli briefed Pope John Paul II on Friday on his recent trip to Lebanon as special Papal envoy.

The Vatican gave no details of the meeting. Upon returning to Rome three days ago from a two-week mission to Beirut Bertoli said Lebanon's religious and political leaders had expressed the will to reconstruct a "united, independent and peaceful" country.

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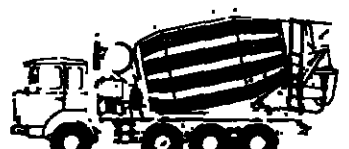
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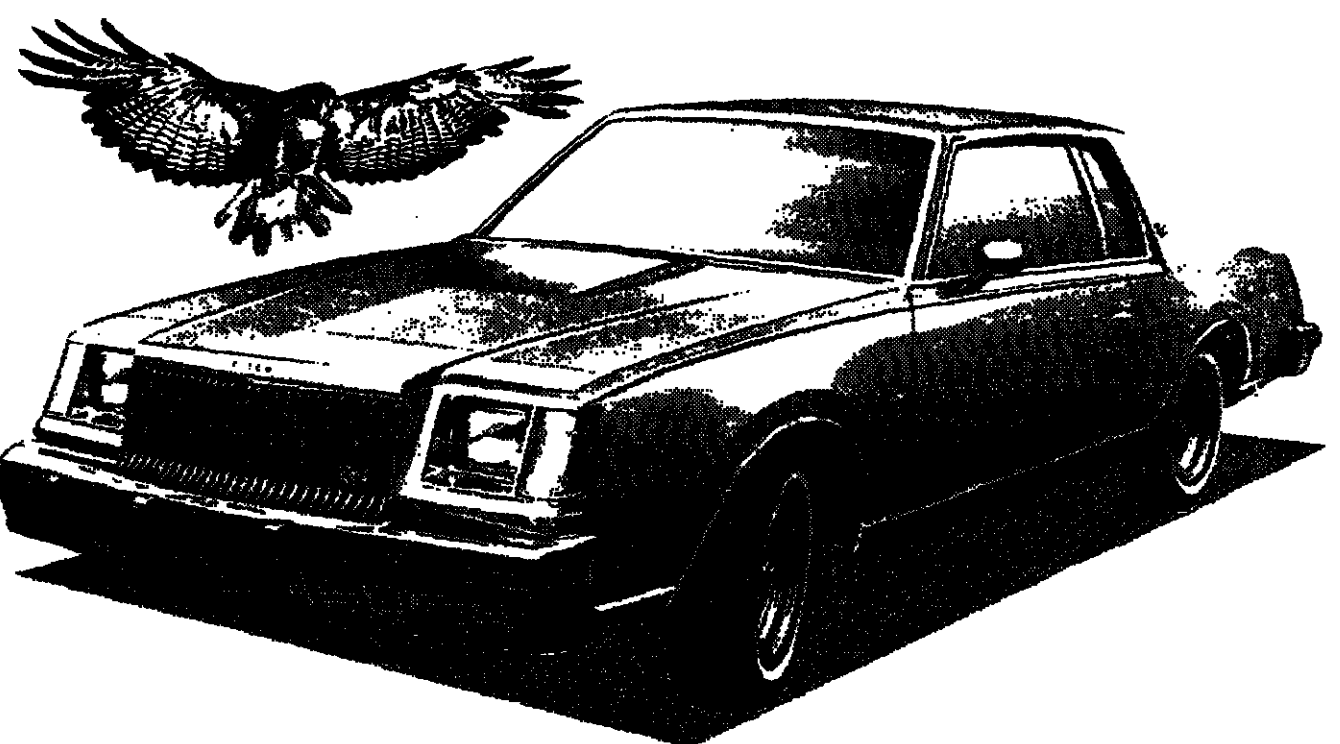


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Grenadier patrol shot down**3 soldiers die in Ulster high street**

BELFAST, Dec. 22 (R) — Security forces Friday searched for the killers of three British soldiers shot in a border village street as IRA terrorists stepped up their winter offensive.

Only days after setting off bombs in six English cities, the terrorists Thursday staged a daylight attack on an army

patrol in the staunchly republican town of Crossmaglen — only a short distance from the Irish border.

Eyewitnesses said a van screamed to a halt in the high street which was packed with Christmas shoppers. Its back doors were thrown open and gunmen aimed heavy bursts of

fire at a foot patrol of the Grenadier Guards.

Shoppers dived for cover as the bullets smashed windows down the street. Three soldiers, aged 18, 20 and 22, were dead by the time helicopters ferried them to hospital in Belfast.

The shooting brought to 289 the number of British soldiers

killed in Northern Ireland since 1969 and was the bloodiest attack on British forces in the province for nearly three years.

The killings followed Wednesday's firebomb attacks on six Northern Ireland hotels which caused extensive damage but no deaths.

Not since March 1976 have three British soldiers been killed in a single IRA action.

The new offensive by the IRA's Provisional wing began on Sunday with bombs exploding in five English provincial cities. On Monday two car bombs exploded in London.

The new wave of attacks is apparently designed to show that the terrorists are not a spent force.

Last Tuesday a British soldier was shot dead by a sniper in Belfast.

Crossmaglen, in South Armagh, has always been a terrorist stronghold. British troops there rarely set foot outside their garrison, which is supplied by helicopters.

1,100 Vietnamese saved struggling to shoreline

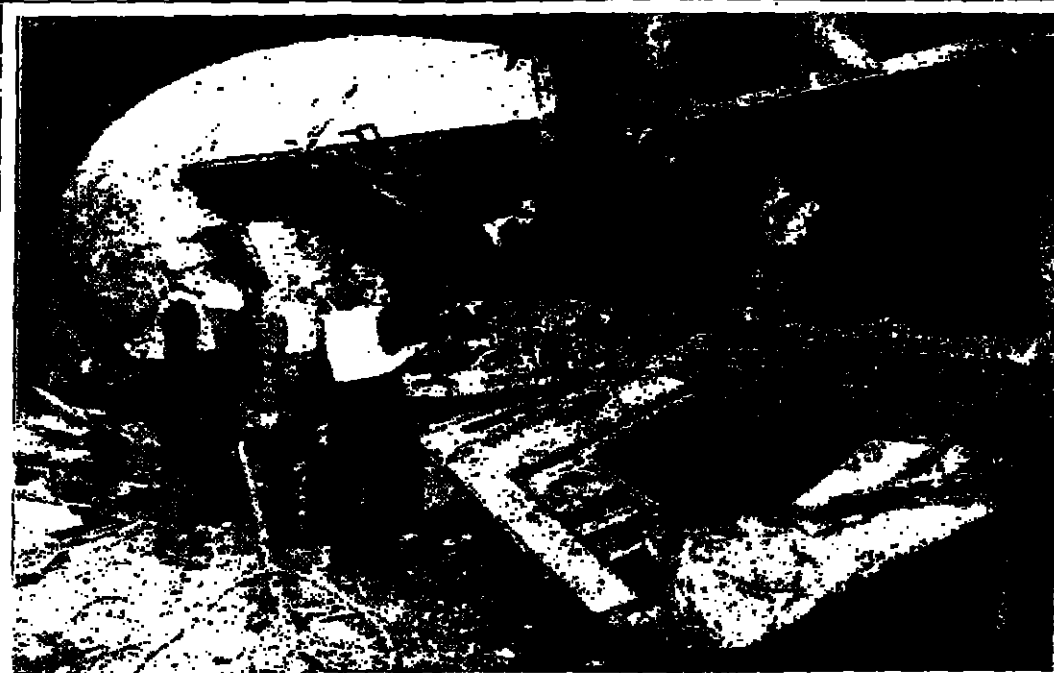
KUALA TRENGGANU, Malaysia, Dec. 22 (R) — About 1,100 Vietnamese refugees were rescued after jumping into choppy seas from three boats Friday in a desperate attempt to gain temporary asylum in Malaysia, the Trengganu state government said.

The "boat people," many of them women and children, were brought ashore by police and home guards.

The three boats were apparently among five vessels which had tried to come ashore Tuesday but were turned back by security units.

The Malaysian government, frustrated and angered by an unending influx of Vietnamese refugees, has tried to deny them entry.

Officials in the neighboring state of Pahang said a group of 305 Vietnamese came ashore last Wednesday. The number



BRIGHTON: Rescue workers comb the wreckage of the two passenger trains that crashed near Brighton Tuesday evening. By Friday the death toll had risen to five. Forty people were injured.

In general amnesty**S. Korea to free top opponent**

SEOUL, Dec. 22 (AP) — President Park Chung-hee overhauled his cabinet Friday and announced a general amnesty tracing 5,378 prisoners next week, including Park's political rival, Kim Dae-jung.

Both moves, taken in connection with Park's inaugura-

tion for his second six-year term next Wednesday, were apparently aimed at soothing voter discontent and to improve Seoul's public image abroad.

Park retained Premier Choi Kyu-hah and Foreign Minister Park Tong-jin but changed 11 posts of his 21-member cabinet.

The major targets were economic posts. Deputy Premier and Economic Planning Minister Nam Duck-won and the ministers of finance, agriculture-fishery, and construction were replaced.

They were largely blamed for inflation at 17 per cent, and inequity in wealth distribution in Korea's high economic growth.

Experienced and more moderate Health and Social Affairs Minister Shin Hyun-hwak replaced Nam, who pursued an annual growth rate of more than 10 per cent during his four years in office.

In National Assembly elec-

tions held Dec. 12, opposition forces polled more votes than the ruling party, ousting many government party candidates, largely on economic issues.

Kim Dae-jung, the 53-year-old opposition leader who came close to beating Park in 1971, is serving a five-year term for issuing a "Manifesto for Democracy" asking Park to step down in 1976.

Japanese fishermen drive 400 dolphins to slaughter

KAWANA, Japan, Dec. 22 (AP) — Japanese fishermen killed 400 dolphins Friday, driving them into a bay and slaughtering them on smoke.

They said that the dolphins would be used for food.

Japan came under criticism from animal lovers in February when fishermen in southern Japan killed about 1,000 dolphins because they were eating valuable catches of

squid and yellow-tail. The fishermen at Kawana, a small community about 110 kilometers southwest of Tokyo said, "We do this every year about this time. The season this year should last until about the 25th of December."

Friday mornings' catch amounted to about 150 animals but a fisherman said another 150 would be taken in the afternoon.

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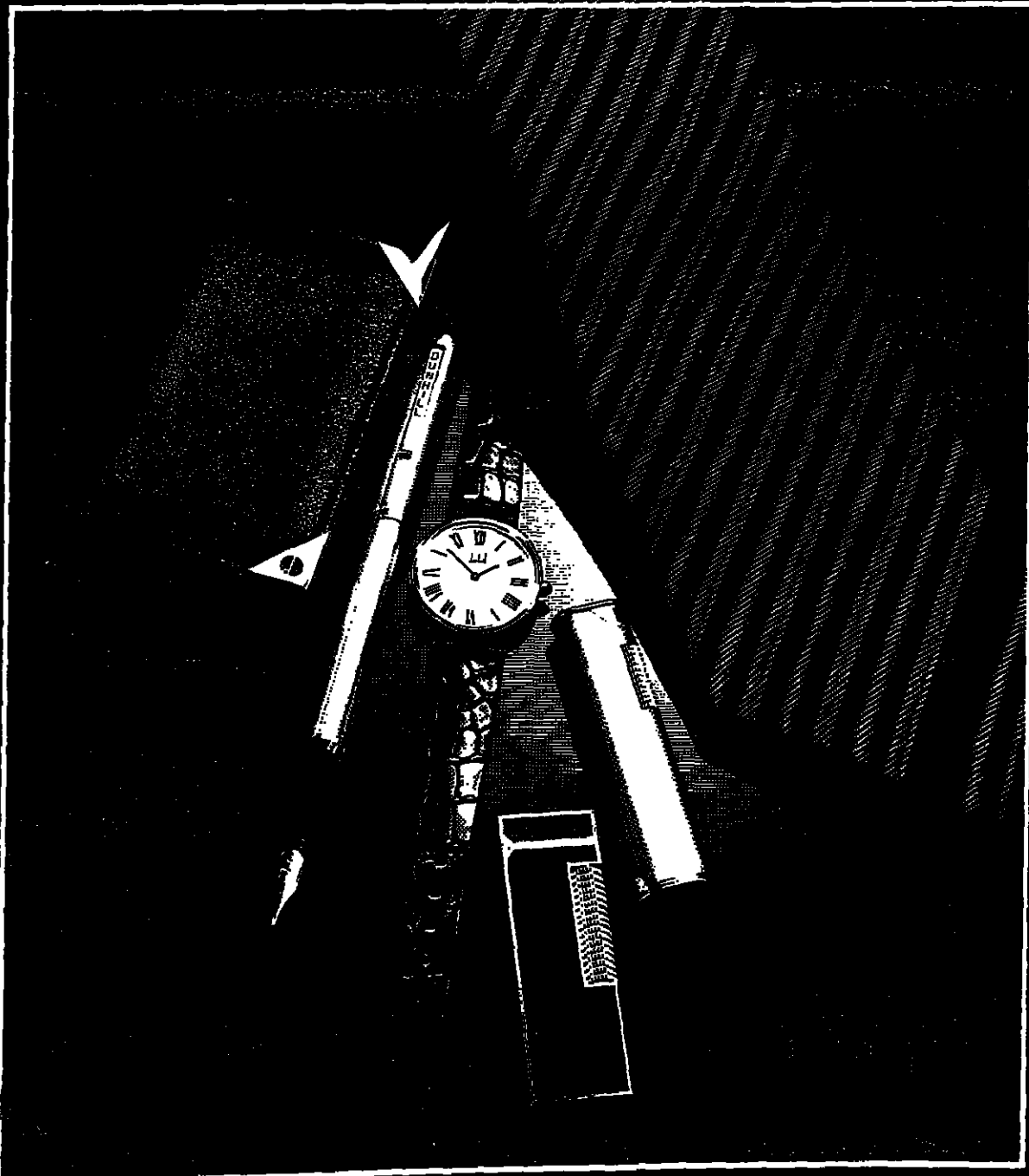
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Second JFK killer seen in dramatic new analysis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Congressmen investigating the assassination of President Kennedy will meet in special session soon to consider new evidence suggesting the murder was the result of a conspiracy.

The evidence, presented as the two-year congressional investigation was virtually over, indicates that at least two

U.S. needs \$1 billion to take census in '80

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The U.S. General Accounting Office says the 1980 census of the United States will cost one billion dollars and probably isn't worth the money. The bureau "plans to spend more than four times the \$222 million it spent for the 1970 census, without assurance that there will be appreciable im-

provement in the data collected," says a report written by the office's comptroller general.

Census officials say the increased costs result from inflation, more people to count and improved procedures to reduce the number of minorities who have not been counted in the past.

Suit filed to prevent high-rises near D.C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The U.S. Government has gone to court in an effort to block construction of five high-rise buildings in a Washington suburb, citing the "devastating impact" the structures would have on the skyline of the United States capital.

The five buildings are to go in Rosslyn, Virginia, just across the Potomac River from Washington.

Former cheerleader

Girl, 17, foiled in hijack plot

MARION, Illinois, Dec. 22 (AP)—Passengers said she was a sweet-looking girl, her blond hair in curls. But her finger was placed firmly on what she said was a bomb, and she was angry.

The passengers, on TWA flight 541, described the 17-year-old former cheer leader who commandeered their DC-9 jet, holding their fate in her hands for about 10 hours Thursday before she surrendered.

"She was very beautiful," said Pvt. Levi King of Seattle after completing the flight early Friday in Kansas City, Missouri. "But I knew she was serious — particularly when she yelled that she would blow the whole plane up."

"She kept talking about how her mother died in the helicopter and her family had disowned her.... I told her that I was in the same boat, and that this was no way to take revenge."

"But she wouldn't listen." Mother killed
The girl — identified by the FBI as Robin Oswald, a high school dropout from St. Louis — had demanded freedom for convicted hijacker Garrett Brock Trappnell. Her mother was killed seven months ago in another air piracy aimed at freeing Trappnell.

The 87 passengers and crew aboard the flight were unharmed, and many escaped or were allowed to leave the jet hours before Miss Oswald's surrender at about 8 p.m. Thursday.

Miss Oswald's mother, Barbara, 42, was shot to death May 24 when she tried to hijack a helicopter to free Trappnell and two others from the federal prison at Marion, authorities said.

Trappnell, who hijacked a TWA jet in 1972, was convicted on Thursday in Benton, Illinois, on charges stemming from that escape attempt. The jury, which deliberated 7 1/2 hours and never knew of the hijacking, returned its verdict shortly after Miss Oswald surrendered.

Doorknob
The girl had said she would blow up the plane with a

gunmen were involved in firing four shots.

The official Warren Commission report on the assassination found that only three shots were fired—all by Lee Harvey Oswald.

But testimony given by acoustics experts at a closed meeting of the House Assassinations Committee on Monday, showed a 95% likelihood that a fourth shot came from a grassy knoll in front of the presidential motorcade, a committee member, Rep. Stewart McKinney (R-Conn.) said. The knoll has figured in many assassination conspiracy theories. "We are out of time and money," McKinney, said Thursday. "No one knows what to do."

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By plotting the echoes of the shot off the walls of buildings surrounding Dealey Plaza, the specialist concluded that the mysterious fourth round could only have come from the grassy knoll.

visit their nation's capital, should not be assaulted with the sight of those buildings just so a handful of private interests can market the view from them." Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus said after the suit was filed Thursday.

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CONSPIRACY: The House panel studying JFK's death has new evidence of a fourth shot and a second gunman. The Kennedy brothers are shown at the White House in 1962.

Emergency OAS session

Chile-Argentina feud heats up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Chile requested an emergency meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS) Friday, saying the collapse of negotiations with Argentina over a territorial dispute "could lead to an armed conflict" between the countries.

The dispute involves several tiny islands at the tip of South America, and the OAS was to meet late Friday on the issue.

OAS Chilean Representative Maria Eugenia Oyarzun delivered the request shortly after midnight, saying, "we hope the OAS would take appropriate measures to ensure peace of this hemisphere."

The World

Cafe staff nets \$7m in Spain draw

MADRID, Dec. 22 (AP)—The employees and hundreds of customers of a downtown Madrid cafe struck it rich Friday in Spain's annual Christmas lottery, winning an estimated \$7 million together on a number that paid record total of 5.4 billion pesetas.

Zambians sink S. African speedboat

LUSAKA, Dec. 22 (R)—Zambian troops fired on and sank a South African speedboat which crossed the Zambezi River border last Tuesday, a government spokesman said Friday. He said the boat did not respond when challenged near the town of Sesheke.

U.S. Britain to reassess Rhodesia

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—President Carter and Prime Minister James Callaghan intend reviewing American-British strategy toward ending the escalating Rhodesian guerrilla war when they meet in Guadeloupe early in January. British authorities who reported this, said the top-level policy reassessment has been made essential in the light of the bleak report of peace prospects brought back by Callaghan's personal envoy.

OAU to boost aid to Rhodesia rebels

DAR ES SALAAM, Dec. 22 (AP)—Member states of the Organization of African Unity meeting here Thursday recommended a big increase in military aid to the guerrilla forces fighting in Rhodesia. An OAU spokesman said the meeting felt that armed struggle was the only way to black majority rule in Rhodesia.

2 Russians to die for massacre role

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (R)—Two Russians have been sentenced to death by firing squad for helping a Nazi massacre of 800 prisoners in World War II, Tass news agency reported.



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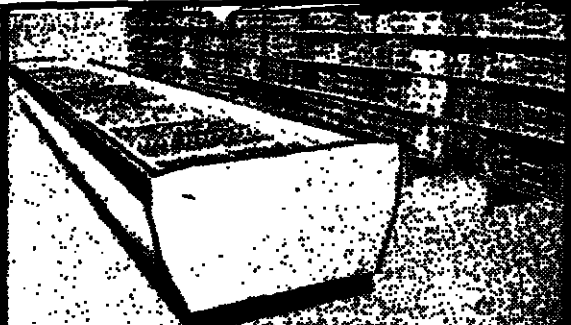
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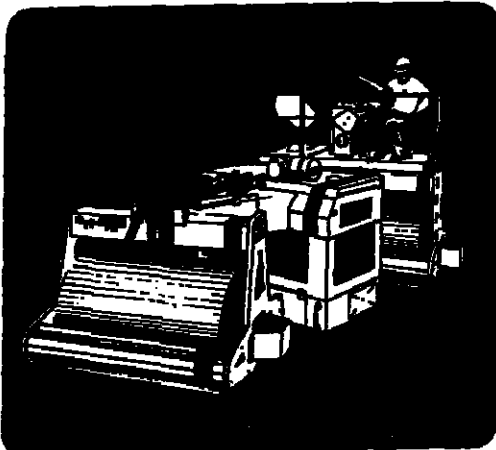
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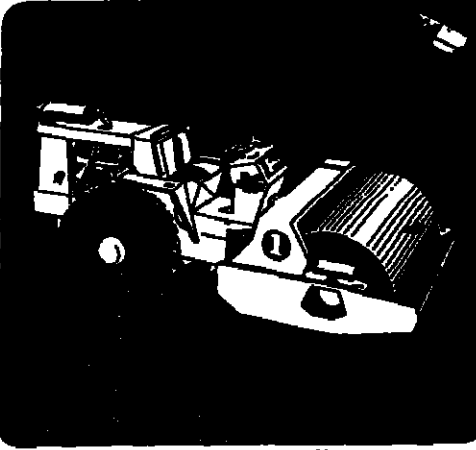
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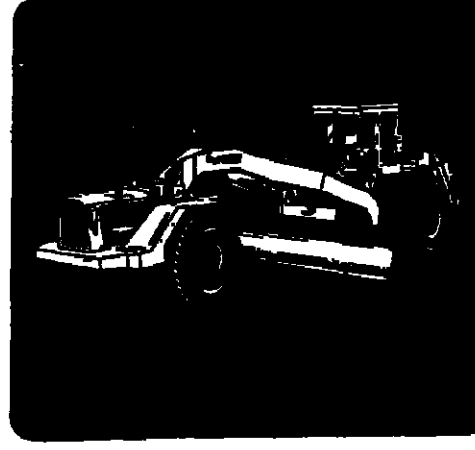
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Tehran's two faces

By Thomas Kent

TEHRAN — It is only at night now that Tehran looks like a city under siege. In daylight hours, life in the Iranian capital is rapidly returning to its normal frantic pace, with speeding automobile drivers creating more danger than a continued snattering of demonstrations against the Shah.

After four months of violence that has killed some 200 persons in this city of 4½ million, opponents and supporters of the Shah have suddenly paused in their street protests and fighting.

Officials close to the Shah say the relative quiet shows that time is on the monarch's side and that a political way will be found out of this winter days' chaos. But a close aide to Dr. Karim Sandjahi, the leader of political opposition to the Shah, said Friday, "I think people are waiting for some results after voting with their feet (in demonstrations) last week."

"Iranian people are very patient, but their patience is not for another two months or even a couple of weeks," the aide claimed at Sandjahi's headquarters at his luxurious villa near the Royal Palace.

When the nightly Tehran curfew begins at 9 p.m., all streets empty and only army patrols are visible. The soldiers, many of them young, man observation posts throughout the

city with orders to arrest anyone found wandering. The few private cars authorized to travel at night drive at a snail's pace, inside lights illuminating their occupants, to avoid creating suspicion among the troops.

Restaurants and night spots have suffered heavily from the curfew. The Tehran Intercontinental Hotel has shut two of its four restaurants, and manager Gary Hoagland (of Portland, Oregon) said its restaurants are losing \$12,000 a night in revenue.

Even if there were no curfew, crowds on downtown streets would be limited because scores of the city's movie theaters were torched in anti-Shah rioting as symbols of Western penetration of Iran that many demonstrators oppose.

Sweeping strikes have ended for the moment, and most stores are open. The Tehran Bazaar, previously a center of anti-Shah violence, and high schools, another center of resistance, were expected to reopen Saturday.

Fervent political activity continued Friday aimed at forming a new civilian government to replace the military administration of Gen. Gholamreza Azhari. At the home of Sandjahi, 71, who has refused offers to enter the new government, young aides manned telephones, typewriters and photocopying equipment, turning out anti-Shah tracts and coordinating opposition efforts. —(AP)

Latin American lesson

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

LONDON — Britain is preparing to help Argentina with big new arms sales as it moves nearer to the verge of war with Chile over Picton, Nueva and Lennox, three remote islands near Cape Horn.

Brig. Orlando Agosti, the Argentine air force chief, arrives in London this week with a massive shopping list, part of a big effort to build up Argentina's forces. Britain is particularly interested in selling jet trainers. These easy-to-fly aircraft could swiftly be put into operational service with relatively inexperienced pilots.

Argentina has for the past months also been taking delivery of a number of French Mystere jets bought second-hand from Israel. The British calculation is that the more dependent Argentina becomes on British weapons, the less danger there would be of Argentine intervention in the Falkland Islands.

Britain is already supplying a flotilla of ultra-modern destroyers and frigates to the Argentine navy. One of these missile-equipped vessels, Hercules, delivered last year, is thought to be on station near the islands which are occupied by Chile but claimed by Argentina.

A former British aircraft carrier in Argentine service is also believed to be deployed near Cape Horn, though the Argentines have had difficulty in using it properly. Because Argentine pilots have

not mastered the techniques of flying on and off moving vessels, the carrier has had to anchor before its aircraft can take off or land.

Tension between Argentina and Chile increased very considerably last week. Attempts to recruit King Juan Carlos of Spain and the Pope as mediators have failed and President Carter is making strong last-minute bids to defuse the situation.

Many Argentine officers feel that they have a golden opportunity to "teach the Chileans a lesson" as the Pinochet regime is diplomatically isolated and faces a boycott of its goods by trade unionists throughout the Western hemisphere which is due to start on Jan. 1. The boycott could halt much of Chile's foreign trade and make imports of weapons extremely difficult.

Chile, however, has made one small breakthrough. It has persuaded the Indian government to overhaul the jet engines of its Hawker Hunter fighters. Work on engine overhauls for the Chilean aircraft at a Rolls-Royce plant in Scotland has long been "blackened" by British unions.

Some diplomatic sources forecast that Argentina will make some "act of sovereignty" over the Chilean controlled islands in the next few days, perhaps with unarmed officials. The Chilean then would have to swallow an insult or expel the Argentines by force at the risk of a shooting war. —(OFNS)

VIEW FROM VENUS OF A PLANET WITH HIGH SURFACE TEMPERATURES



Near miss for Callaghan

By Adam Raphael

LONDON — The first salvoes in Britain's forthcoming general election are already being fired. The Labor government's maximum five-year term does not expire until next October, but few believe at Westminster that James Callaghan's minority government will be able to survive that long.

One indication of its probable lifespan came recently when Callaghan faced a critical vote in the House of Commons on his incomes restraint policies. As a result of a handful of abstentions by his own backbenchers — the government was defeated, though it partially recovered from this blow by winning a vote of confidence the following night.

The very precariousness of the parliamentary situation means, however, that all the parties are busily engaged in contingency planning for an election at any time. The favored dates at present are at the end of March or the beginning of April, but the decision, unless he is beaten on a future vote of confidence in the House of Commons, belongs solely to the prime minister.

Last week Callaghan chaired a crucial joint meeting between the cabinet and representatives of Labor's National Executive Committee to thrash out the shape of the party's election manifesto.

A tough fight lies ahead, for Callaghan is determined not to be saddled with a program that he believes would lose him the election. The Left wing of the party is equally determined not to go into an election behind a moderate or conservative-leaning manifesto.

Political in-fighting in Britain is traditionally conducted by leak and counter-leak. And this year's battle for the soul of the Labor Party is no exception. Recently draft proposals drawn up by Labor's National Executive Home Policy Committee chaired by Tony Benn, the secretary for energy and a left-wing thorn in the prime minister's flank, were published in the Communist Party daily newspaper, the "Morning Star".

They contained, among other left-wing nostrums, the abolition of the House of Lords, the introduction of a wealth tax for all personal wealth over £150,000 (\$300,000) and a major extension of public ownership in North Sea oil, construction, road haulage, in addition to a new state bank and direction of pension funds investment.

The more controversial of these proposals, particularly the new nationalization plans, have little chance of getting into the final Labor manifesto if Callaghan has his way. But they provided splendid scare headlines for the Conservative press, and useful ammunition for Conservatives in parliament.

The Conservative leader, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, is not without her own problems in the run-up to an election. Her party is still sharply divided over its attitude to incomes policies.

The Right is determined to rely almost exclusively on control of the money supply to fight inflation while most other sections of the party believe that monetarism is not enough and will have to be buttressed by general agreement with the unions on pay and inflation prospects in order to avoid a bloody confrontation with organized labor.

The Conservatives are also split about the role the state should play in encouraging industrial development. The Josephites, as they are known after their mentor, Sir Keith Joseph, Mrs. Thatcher's spokesman on industry, hanker after a society in which market forces are the sole arbiter.

But this purist view of the market has little appeal to many moderate Tories who believe that laissez-faire liberalism has little to do with government in the late 20th century.

Mrs. Thatcher's personal instincts are undoubtedly to the Right of her party, but like Callaghan she knows that British elections are won by parties of the center. As the days to an election tick away, this middle ground is bound to get more crowded. (OFNS)

Syria falls out with Moscow

By Shyam Bhatta

DAMASCUS — The row over postponed arms deliveries threatens to further embitter relations between Syria and the Soviet Union. Already Syria's ambassador to Moscow, Jaber Kifrei, has been recalled for consultations and President Hafez Assad, who was due to visit Moscow this month, has put off his visit indefinitely.

Syrian Foreign Ministry officials speak of "a storm in a teacup" and "differences among friends", but other Syrians talk of a widespread anger directed against the Soviet Union. They say the United States already has a psychological edge over the Soviet Union in Syria and one day Moscow could lose its few remaining friends in the Arab world.

The origins of the Soviet-Syrian row are connected with a visit to Moscow last October by President Assad. During that visit, President Leonid Brezhnev assured his Syrian guest he would do everything possible to restore a strategic equilibrium between Syria and the re-equipped Israeli armed forces.

The Soviet leader, who reportedly offered to supply Syria with the latest MiG aircraft and T-72 tanks, also asked for a high-powered Syrian military delegation to follow Assad and work out the details of Soviet military assistance.

Accounts vary as to what happened when Maj. Gen. Hikmat Shabahi, the Syrian chief of staff, did visit Moscow earlier this month. According to one source, Shabahi was told by his hosts that the weapons agreed upon in October would have to be discussed on some other occasion.

"Naturally, General Shabahi

flew back to Damascus," says the Syrian Minister of Information, Ahmad Iskandar. "He was not empowered to discuss any other bilateral issues in Moscow."

Well dressed and sporting a long brush moustache typical of the Damascus male, Iskandar makes his point with soft deliberation.

Television screens flickered behind him as he spoke in his office at the headquarters of the Syrian Broadcasting Authority. "From our people's point of view there has been an angry reaction, also from officials. We are the only front line state left and they (Israel) are choked with arms so our demand for a strategic balance is a fair one."

Iskandar, who accompanied Assad to Moscow in October, says Brezhnev himself promised to help Syria achieve a strategic balance. "Maybe the Soviet Union now believes it can achieve a strategic balance for Syria without providing the necessary weapons. We believe otherwise. We want something concrete in our hands."

Damascus journalists tell a different story of Shabahi's experiences in Moscow. Ahmad Khouli, chief editor of the Damascus daily "Tishrin", says, "The Russians told General Shabahi that the weapons promised to Syria would now have to be shared equally with Iraq."

"Naturally we are all upset. This kind of behaviour gives the Americans a psychological advantage in Syria. The Soviet Union must realize that a weak Syria also weakens other progressive forces in the Arab world. But I am sure our friends in Moscow will understand that. They have lost Egypt. Only Syria and Iraq are left."

Khouli's account of what

went wrong with Shabahi's Moscow trip lies in with what Western diplomats based in Damascus believe to be the Soviet pattern of behavior in the Middle East after the 1973 war. They say the Soviet Union nearly went to war with the United States in 1973 and ever since then it has been Moscow's policy to avoid a situation which might once again lead to direct confrontation between themselves and America.

According to a senior Western diplomat in Damascus, it was one thing for the Soviet Union to agree to arm Syria alone, but Moscow was reluctant to duplicate the same level and sophistication of weapons to a more powerful Iraqi-Syrian union, which might tempt the Israelis to risk a pre-emptive strike.

If the Israelis did not strike, the diplomats say, the Arabs themselves might feel strong enough to start a small war, which in the long term could drag Moscow into its dreaded confrontation with Washington.

Meanwhile, regardless of the outcome of the present dispute with Moscow, Damascus officials say there is little chance of a revengeful Syria changing its relationships and looking for help instead to Washington and Cairo.

Leading Egyptian newspapers have been gloating over Syria's difficulties with the Soviet Union and there has been speculation in Cairo about how long it would take Syria to realize where its true friends were.

But, says Iskandar, Syria's ties with the Soviet Union are too strong to be broken. "We know who our friends are," he says. "We also know who is on the enemies' list." (OFNS)

World economy outlook

By George Short

LONDON — The world economy has had a rough time this past year and 1978 closes with more trouble ahead, threatening the way of life taken for granted by the richer nations and making survival difficult for millions of poor.

The dollar plunged during the year to its lowest-ever levels and received a further knock when oil exporting countries announced they would raise prices for the coming year.

Thus the nations will have to live with more expensive fuel. And the difficulty remains of maintaining a solid and reliable form of international money with which countries and companies can trade across frontiers.

Another stiff rise in lending rates in the United States, tightening credit and making dollars more attractive to foreign holders, helped the American currency recently.

But there are fears that the squeezing of credit, to curb inflation and strengthen the currency, may depress industrial and business activity too much and cause a slump.

Figures published in late December showed that the growth of the American economy slowed sharply in the third quarter of 1978, adding to the fears of recession next year despite assurances from the White House.

Behind these immediate troubles, lie two basic problems which have been gloomily, with us for several years, apparently so intractable that they resemble a familiar disease for which there is no known cure.

The struggle to recover from the industrial slump conditions of the early 1970s, with its accompanying high unemployment,

the tendency for prices to rise, causing workers to want more wages and business planners to act upon the assumption that equipment and labor will cost more in the future while governments are pressing to print more money which has diminishing value.

The world's leaders, politicians and economists have responded to these problems by holding intensive negotiations and summit meetings, after which the usual bland communique is issued.

Out of this has come at least a greater understanding between governments, which hopefully will avoid outright economic warfare, and there has been some action, even though it has been painfully slow.

The main conference of the year was a summit in July in Bonn between leaders of the seven major industrial democracies, the United States, West Germany, Japan, France, Italy, Britain and Canada.

Afterwards, President Carter and the other leaders sat on a theatre platform — presenting shoulder-to-shoulder solidarity to the world's press.

They declared they had agreed on a strategy to speed up economic recovery from the

recession years. The basic idea was for the leading industrial nations to follow a scheme of converging paths, each contributing something different.

The huge trade deficit of the United States, aggravated by its enormous oil imports (America consumes 40 per cent of world oil production), and its high inflation, have been underlying causes of the dollar's weakness.

Therefore, it was agreed that the American economy should grow more slowly than most of the others while it concentrated on cutting oil imports, expanding exports and getting down its trade deficit and inflation.

Meanwhile, the countries with strong trade surpluses such as Japan and West Germany would try to expand demand in their home economies, creating bigger markets for the goods of their trading partners and helping to spread economic activity.

Nations in weaker positions would carry on reducing inflation and improving their balances of payments.

The strategy has had mixed success.

Japan has put into operation an emergency program to take in some imports, accompanied by voluntary restraints on its exports, although it has been forced to trim its actions and its new Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has dropped the growth target of seven per cent pledged by his predecessor Takeo Fukuda. (R)

saudi press review

"Although King Hussein has not revealed the nature of the new Arab peace initiative, we can guess that the Arabs are about to launch a new initiative in this direction, following the Baghdad summit and, through the good offices of the United Nations, to find a solution that would bring about a comprehensive settlement," according to "Okaz".

"Such a settlement must include the restoration of the occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state."

The paper said the United Nations "is capable of bringing about a just and durable settlement in the region and has the necessary clout to force the Israelis to abide by its resolutions on pain of political and economic ostracism if necessary."

With the peace process between Egypt and Israel bogged down "Al-Riyadh" asked what action President Carter would likely take.

"He may be preparing for a new surprise move in the

new year. This is indicated by the number of emissaries that he is sending to the region. His new move may include additional participants in the peace process, as he tries to revive the Camp David accord. This time Carter is working silently to avoid the risk of another public failure."

Commenting on the Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon, "Al-Bilad" recalled former Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin's statement "that the battlefield would be the only place for a meeting between Israel and the PLO."

The paper said "this was not surprising to the PLO or the Arab states, but since then Israel has been attacking not the Palestinians but the defenseless Lebanese everywhere there is an explosion in Israel. The Israeli objective is, of course, to continue sowing terror and destruction in the country whenever there are signs of a possible peaceful settlement there."

The paper said: "Whatever

Israeli leaders claim, the peace they want to see prevail in the region is a reflection of the beastly character of the terrorist who is now leading Israel. Begin's peace is strewn with Arab bodies and is made up of raids and endless aggression."

"Al-Medina" commented on a recent resolution by the Jeddah municipality that calls for the demolition of hundreds of apartment buildings in the Sabal street and the areas surrounding it to make way for new roads. The paper said "such resolutions must not be taken before lengthy and detailed discussions at all levels to study the implications that would render thousands of families homeless. This, apparently, was not the case with the Sabal resolution. Most dwellers there who are now paying modest rents cannot afford new apartments elsewhere."

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New York's Atlantic Ave: Arab shopping center



London may have its Arabic restaurants and shops and Houston its Arab oil connections, but New York City has one of the oldest and largest Arab-American communities in the United States. Ranking second behind California, the New York area is home for an estimated 200,000 of the approximately two million Arabs living in the United States. The following article focuses on one aspect of New York's Arab community: is colourful Atlantic Avenue.

By Katherine Breedlove
NEW YORK — If it's tabbouleh, grape leaves or Middle Eastern cheese and cooking that you're looking for, New York's Arabic neighborhood on Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn has it.

"I come here to shop for things I can't find in other stores," said one unidentified shopper — a sentiment echoed by many Arab and U.S. fans of Arab cuisine.

Centered in a 2-block area are Mideastern bakeries, grocery stores, importing companies, a record shop, book store and numerous restaurants. It is not unusual to see shoppers in Arab robes. Store signs and posters attest to the fact that Arabic is definitely spoken here.

"This is the only Middle Eastern neighborhood of its kind in the United States," claimed Charlie Sahadi, a store owner on Brooklyn's Mideastern strip. "Detroit and Los Angeles have

some Middle Eastern shops, but none have them all together like we do here."

When asked if the various Mideastern shops compete with each other for business, Sahadi described the avenue as "more of a neighborhood than a competitive marketplace."

"If the entire area is doing well, then we're all doing well," he explained. "There are 20 or so Mideastern restaurants right here, and half a dozen other stores that cater to Mideastern trade and they're all doing well."

Although one couldn't tell it by the crowds in his retail food store, most of Sahadi's \$1 million a year gross sales come from wholesale to ethnic stores throughout the United States. His business was started by his father's uncle as A. Sahadi & Co. — which still exists on Washington Street in Manhattan. Charlie Sahadi's father broke with the uncle in the 1930 and formed Sahadi Importing Co. on Atlantic Avenue.

"Washington Street used to be an even bigger Middle Eastern district than Atlantic Avenue," Sahadi said. "But when they built the Brooklyn Battery tunnel, the street was

destroyed and many of the shops moved here."

Muyassar Moustapha, 28, and his brothers Gaith, 30, and Anas, 22, came to New York in 1967 and bought the Oriental Pastry & Grocery Co. on Atlantic Avenue. Even though they sell everything from spices and grains to imported groceries from the Middle East, Oriental is more of a bakery than a grocery.

"We introduced pastries and more variety to the store and business has grown by about 200 per cent since we came," Muyassar said.

All of the baking is done on the premises. As Gaith rolled the koulwashkor and drank tea laced with cardamom and mint, he described some of the other pastry specialties including mamoul, konafa, moghrabiyyah and harrisa.

Jawdat (Joe) Hatoun is another Atlantic Avenue shopkeeper. He immigrated from Lebanon five years ago and began working in a fruit stand. After learning English, graduating from City College in New York, and working in several of New York's Middle Eastern restaurants, Joe bought the Sindbad Restaurant on Atlantic Avenue.

About 40,000 Arabs live in Brooklyn within 15 to 20 minutes of this well-known Middle Eastern shopping area. Another Middle Eastern community of approximately 10,000 is located in Jersey City.



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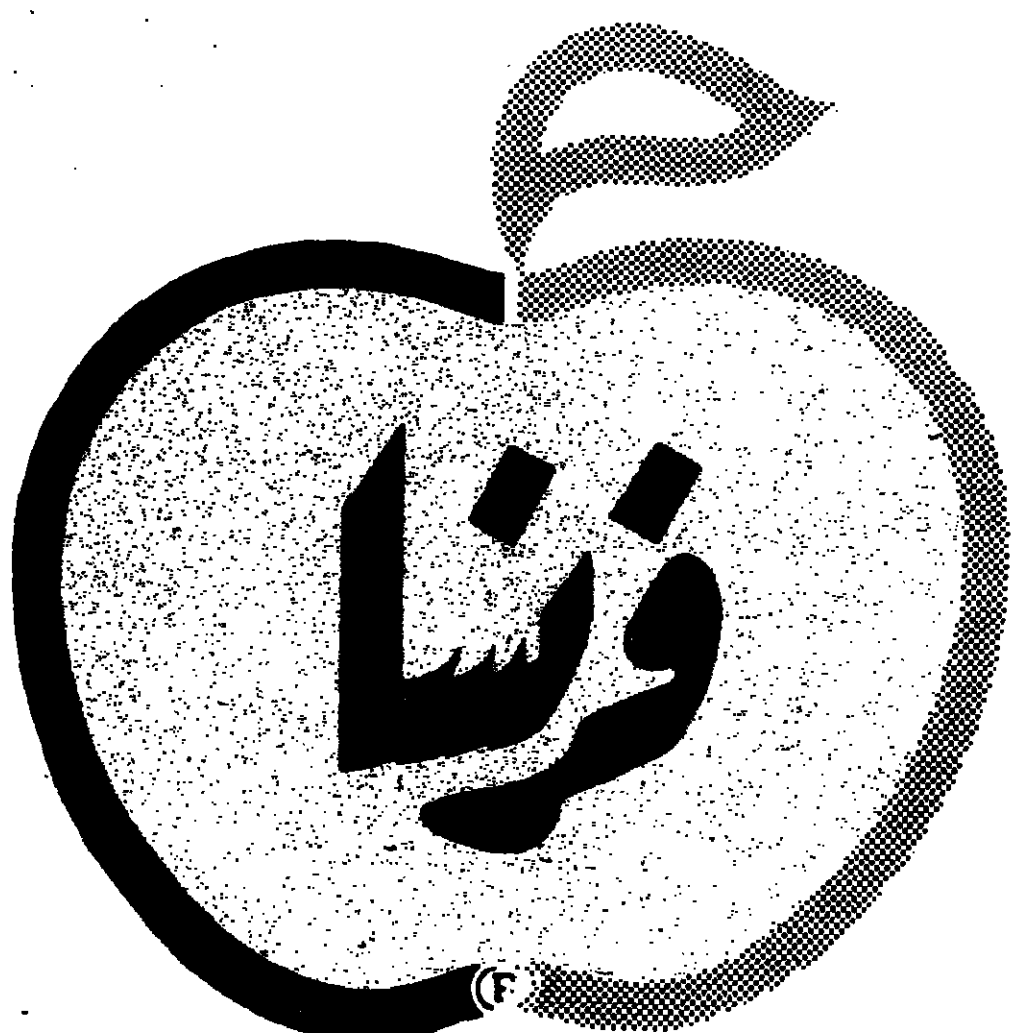
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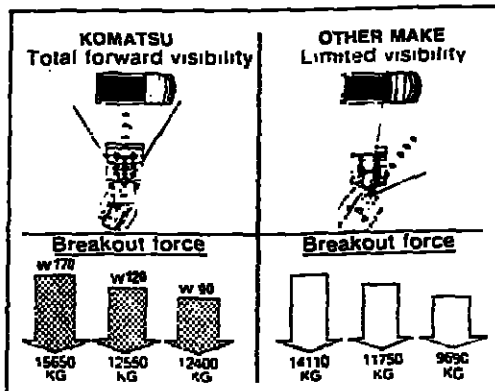
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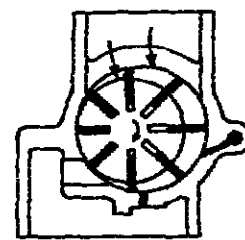
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Whaling

Conservation beats business

By Toshio Kojia
TOKYO — The great whaling days for Japan and the Soviet Union appear to be nearly over following a tense two-day meeting in Tokyo that produced a victory for the conservation lobby.

Despite strong resistance from Japan and the Soviet Union, non-whaling member nations of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) won a further cut in next year's quota for sperm whales in the northern Pacific.

The 17-nation meeting set a quota of 3,800 sperm whales to be shared by Moscow and Tokyo, which was 41 per cent lower than the previous quota of 6,444.

The meeting was held after an annual IWC conference in London last June failed to agree on a figure following strong resistance from Japan.

But the quota set at the Tokyo meeting, held at Japan's request, was far below a tentative figure of 4,694 proposed in London.

The London meeting, marred by anti-whaling demonstrators, agreed however, on other catch limits in the northern Pacific, the Atlantic and seas in the southern hemisphere for the new season. They too were cut, but only by five per cent.

Ominous signs for whaling nations, especially the two biggest — Japan and the Soviet Union — were seen in statements after the Tokyo meeting.

Richard Frank, IWC commissioner for the United States, described the meeting as a

"big conservation victory."

"The progressive reduction in quotas is encouraging. Progress in the IWC to achieve a total moratorium on whaling is not as fast as we would like, but the commission is continuing to move in the right direction by reducing quotas and thus providing better protection of the great whales."

The other statement was from British IWC secretary Ray Gambell, who said he believed the days of large scale whaling operations, which flourished in the 1930s have passed.

Japan and the Soviet Union, which take 75 per cent of the annual world whale catch, have been forced this year to reduce their whaling fleets to two from three.

Japan, however, also has seven land stations for offshore operations.

Operations of four other whaling member nations of the IWC — Brazil, Iceland, Denmark and Norway — are land based, while Australia recently closed down its sole whaling firm.

IWC member nations are now allowed to hunt for sperm, fin, humpback, minke and sei whales under a variety of restrictions. But not for blue whales or humpback whales, which were overexploited in the mid 1960s.

Members of international conservation organizations such as Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and the Marine Action Center from the United States, Britain and Canada staged protests, some of them spectacular during the Tokyo meeting.

An American member of Greenpeace unfurled a banner one third of the way up the 333 meter high Tokyo Tower pleading with Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira to save whales.

Another anti-whale campaigner floated a big whale-shaped balloon in a former imperial palace mast.

During the London meeting, demonstrators screaming "barbarians" poured red liquid over some Japanese delegates in the conference hall.

A film of the scene was shown on Japanese television, which hardened feelings of many people in the country against anti-whaling campaigners.

Dr. Lee Talbot, director of conservation and special scientific advisor of the World Wildlife Fund based in Geneva, who attended the Tokyo meeting as an observer, said methods used by the IWC Science Committee to assess whale resources were unreliable.

He said that so far the committee had relied on the dead bodies of caught whales in assessing resources and getting information on the mammals.

Continuation of whaling on the present basis was simply an extension of past history resulting in the inexorable depletion of stocks.

Dr. Talbot added that an ecological approach was necessary to study the behaviour and ecology of whales. —(R)

The price of competition in American society

By Scott Moore

IRVINE, California — The pressures of modern life in the U.S. are causing a dramatic rise in the number of suicides — especially among youth — and the nation can't seem to cope with it, an expert in suicide research says.

"We have failed miserably in preventing suicides in this country," said Dr. Marv Miller, a consultant in suicidology who teaches a three-unit class at the University of California, Irvine. He also teaches on suicide at colleges in the San Diego area.

Miller, 36, has a doctorate degree in gerontology from the University of Michigan. His specialty is suicide among the aged, and his book, "Suicide After 60: The Final Alternative," is scheduled for publication in 1979.

"In the past 20 years, the suicide rate in the U.S. has more than doubled among certain groups," he said. "The most noticeable increase is in the numbers of young people who are taking their own lives, especially women between the ages of 20 and 29, members of racial minority groups and college students."

Miller said the prevalent theory is that youthful suicides stem from the pressure to succeed. Most student suicides take place at prestigious institutions, schools which have the reputation for the stiff entrance and graduation requirements, he said.

There is another theory that these same schools attract high-achieving people whose "compulsive and perfectionist nature" predisposes them to suicide.

"Young people who take their lives are perhaps a more upsetting form of suicide than any other," he contended.

There is a whole generation of disillusioned young people who are coming out of college all dressed up with no place to go because, in main cities, the economy cannot provide the specialized jobs they were trained for.

"As a society, we have invested a great deal in educating and supporting these youths since they were born. The hope of society is that they would become productive and pay back society."

He estimated that a total of 50,000 suicides take place in the United States each year.

"The numbers are rising consistently," he said, and what bothers him as an expert in the field is that "we've been fighting a losing battle in preventing it."

A major reason for this, he said, is that suicide still is a taboo subject in American society.

"The tragedy is that many families may have seen signs (of potential suicide victims) but chose to ignore them, perhaps in the hope that the problem would go away."

He said the current method of trying to stem the increasing number of suicides through the use of crisis intervention centers is not effective.

Three-fourths of all suicide victims give verbal or behavioral clues, Miller said, and he suggests a nationwide publicity campaign to educate the general public to these clues — just as the American Cancer Society has attempted to educate the public about the danger signs of cancer.

"We can greatly reduce the number of suicides by simply being aware of the behaviour of those close to us, while they are still close to us," he said.

The most obvious indicator of a possible suicide is a pre-

vious attempt, he said. Others are dramatic changes in familiar routines of eating, drinking or sleeping for no apparent reason.

Several times, he said, he has spotted potential suicides enrolled in his classes.

"Many send a clear signal for help by making inordinate demands on my time," he said. "They want to discuss personal matters with me and after class and beyond my regular office hours. They make frequent phone calls to my home, sometimes at late hours."

Miller said he tells such students his classes are not a substitute for therapy. The courses are designed to give background information on suicide and to help students recognize suicidal behaviour in others.

Among the findings of suicide research are that men actually kill themselves three times as often as women, but that women attempt it (but don't complete it) three times as often as men, Miller said.

He declined to discuss the recent mass slayings at Jonestown in Guyana because, he said, "there isn't yet enough definitive information to un-

derstand what was going on down there. It would be foolish to say something prematurely."

In Miller's view, suicide among the elderly is one of society's saddest tragedies.

"I feel society as a whole doesn't care if elderly people kill themselves, particularly in times like these. There's economic pressure to get older people out of the work force. The rationale is that if we can push men out of the work force, we'll provide more slots for young people," he said.

Miller said his doctoral dissertation was based on his research into the deaths of 300 white male suicide victims over the age of 60.

To do that he spent several weeks hand-searching through 125,000 death certificates in Arizona (which has large retirement communities).

Then he wrote letters to the widows, asking for interviews. It proved a "delicate task" because most wouldn't have anything to do with him.

"A lot of people were afraid I would come in for a serious interview and then wind up selling them aluminum siding," he said. —(LAT)

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But improvements seen

Diet, heat, poverty hold back Asian sports

By Denis D. Gray
BANGKOK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Asians account for almost 60 per cent of the world's population but their athletes hold few world records and normally end up far behind the leaders in all but a few sports.

Westerners started breaking the four-minute mile barrier in the 1950s but it took the Asians until 1977 to equal the feat. The world record in 100-meter freestyle swimming — held by the United States — is 49.44. The Asian Games record set last week is a plodding 54.01 seconds.

In the all-time summer Olympics medal-placings the highest ranked Asian countries are Japan 10th, Iran 31st and South

Korea 36th.

Why the gaps? Explanations offered at the Eighth Asian Games — the continent's Olympics — ranged from Asia's debilitating heat and carbohydrate diets to lack of funds for national sports programs.

"The main problem is that in Asia people have to work hard for a living. They have no time to engage in sports as they do in more affluent countries," says an American coach for the Thai shooting team.

"The European runners have a meet every weekend. We have one every six months," said Gopesh N. Mehra, sports editor of the United News of India. "There's nobody around

that can give us real competition and we don't have the money to keep flying around the world."

The victory of Thailand's Suchart Jaesuraparp — unofficially Asia's fastest man — in the 100-meter dash at the Games was attributed to his intensive training and competition in West Germany recently.

Sports facilities are improving in Asia and private concerns are providing some support to amateur athletes but the poverty of most countries must give sports a low priority. India still has no artificial track, the type on which all international meets are run, and South Korea is just in the process of building its first cycling velodrome.

Throwback

In fact, sports in non-communist Asia are a throwback to an earlier era in the West

when professional athletes were few and amateurs were not products of high-pressured sports machines.

Those who want to win big — and many Asians do — said here that a more money-oriented and scientific approach will have to occur to give rising athletes incentives, rewards and more practice time.

Things are already changing. Diets are improving in the richer countries and athletes are getting bigger and taller — a definite advantage in such sports as swimming, athletics and basketball.

Japan, with its wealth and dedication, and China, with a Communist party that officially endorses sports and takes good care of its stars, are steadily improving their standards and have emerged as the powers of Asia.

Japan has reaped the medals

at every Asian Games and China, competing in its second Games, ranged second at Bangkok. Chief organizer of the Games, Thailand's Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chutaisayya, labeled China "the most improved team" and predicted it would break into the big time soon.

Politics

The Chinese should make a big sports leap forward if politics allow their entry into the Olympics, more of a possibility now that the United States has diplomatic ties with Peking.

Westerners, focusing on the "glamor sports" like swimming and track, sometimes overlook Asian dominance elsewhere.

China and Japan have world-class teams in volleyball, gymnastics and table tennis, and in the Asian Games Peking unveiled a crop of young world record-breaking divers.

UEFA states case

Soccer bodies clash on World Cup

BERNE, Dec. 22 (AP) — The European Union of Football Associations (UEFA) clashed Friday with the world soccer body, FIFA, over a proposal to increase the number of countries taking part in the World Cup finals from 16 to 24.

Writing in the latest official UEFA bulletin, General Secretary Han Bangertner said the idea of FIFA President Joao Havelange to increase the number of World Cup teams "does not correspond with the demands" made by the various European associations.

"The overwhelming majority of European associations has been of the opinion that the system of 16 finalists, as fixed in 1950, should be retained," Bangertner wrote.

"The system envisaged by Dr. Havelange would go against the interests of the European associations."

Proportions increase
Bangertner added that if FIFA does eventually decide to increase the number of teams competing in the finals — beginning in Madrid in 1982 — then UEFA would

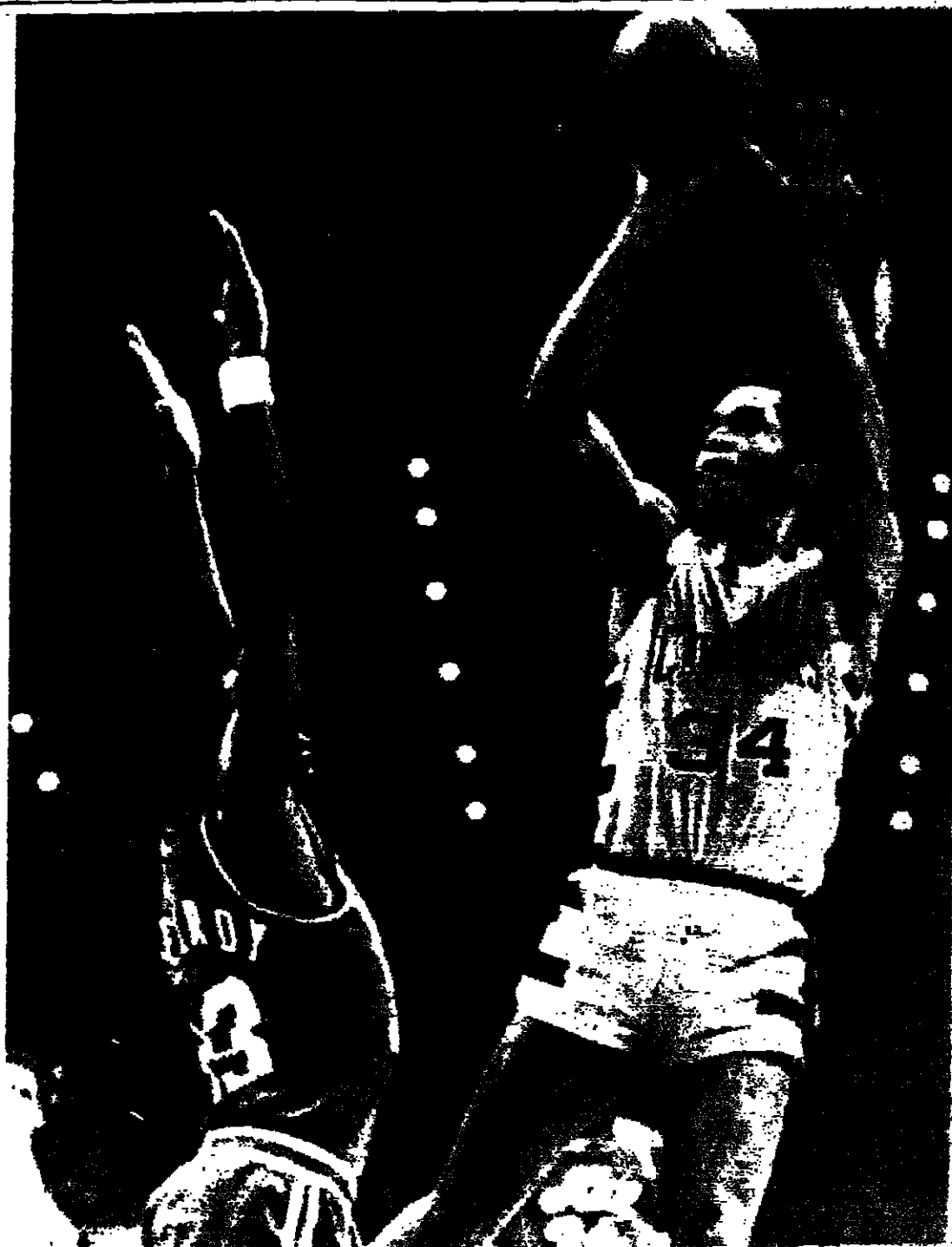
ask for the number of teams from Europe to be increased proportionately.

"If the total is raised from 16 to 24, Europe wants at least 13," he said. Although there is no specified maximum, European teams normally occupy eight or nine World Cup final places. In Argentina last summer, there were 10.

The final decision whether or not to introduce the new system of 24 teams will be taken by the FIFA executive committee at its meeting in Zurich next May.



FOGGY: Liverpool's Jimmy Case is shadowed by Anderlecht players during last Wednesday's Supercup battle in freezing fog at Anfield. Liverpool won 2-1 but the Belgian team took the cup on a 4-3 aggregate.



SEASON HIGH: Austin Carr (34) scored a season high of 30 points Thursday night to help the Cavaliers to victory over the Rockets.

Carr leads Cavs over Houston, 101-90

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Austin Carr scored a season-high 30 points and Campy Russell added 27 as the Cleveland Cavaliers upended the

Houston Rockets, 101-90, in a National Basketball Association game Thursday night.

In other Thursday night action, Kevin Porter pour-

ed in his season's high of 27 points — 14 in the final period — in leading the Detroit Pistons over the Indiana Pacers, 121-108.

Montreal whips Chicago in NHL

MONTREAL, Dec. 22 — Guy Lafleur and Rejean Houle scored 33 seconds apart on the same third-period power play to help boost the Montreal Canadiens to a 5-1 National Hockey League victory over the Chicago Black Hawks Thursday night.

German boxer still in coma

HESSEN, West Germany, Dec. 22 (UPI) — Doctors said Friday that Juergen Krause, the middleweight amateur boxer who collapsed after a bout on Dec. 9, is still in a coma.

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In spring

Evert to wed British tennis pro...

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 22 (AP) — Tennis star Chris Evert celebrated her 24th birthday Thursday by announcing her engagement to English tennis pro John Lloyd.

The couple, in a gathering in a restaurant near her family's Fort Lauderdale home, said they plan a spring wedding sometime after the pro tennis tour ends in the Avon Championship in New York on March 25.

Lloyd, 24, is ranked 21st in the world by the U.S. Tennis Association.

Lloyd led the English team, which also included his brother David, to the recent finals of the Davis Cup against the United States at Rancho Mirage, California. Britain was defeated 4-1 as Lloyd was outclassed by the rising star of the U.S. tennis circuit, the 19-year-old John McEnroe.

Admired

He and Evert said they had admired each other for a long time but did not meet until Swedish tennis player Ingrid



Chris Evert

said Lloyd, from Southend-on-sea, England.

"We've not been apart since,"

hopes they eventually will settle in Fort Lauderdale. She said they will plan their tennis schedules so they "never have to be apart longer than a week."

Evert broke two earlier engagements with American tennis star Jimmy Connors.

"I never had a chance to meet her before. A couple of times I thought she was going to get married to somebody else and she always seemed to have an engagement ring. She was somebody else's girl," Lloyd said.

Evert's family expressed approval of the match. Her mother said he has "a good disposition."

Richer than ever

Next year, Evert will compete for record prize money of 7.5 million, it was announced this week.

Jerry Diamond, executive director of the Women's Tennis Association, said the 1979 figure is nearly \$2 million more than the amount posted in 1978 and will make tennis the most lucrative women's sport played.

Connors U.S. No. 1

Connors is now ranked the No. 1 tennis player in the United States, the U.S. Tennis Association, announced Thursday.

According to computer ratings,

Connors was placed in first place for the third straight year and the fifth time in the past six years. Vitas Gerulaitis moved from third place to second, while Brian Gottfried slipped one place to third. Eddie Dibbs was fourth, with McEnroe No. 5.

World Cup ski standings

KRANJSKA GORA, Yugoslavia, Dec. 22 (AP) — Individual World Cup standings after Friday's giant slalom race were:

1. Peter Luescher, Switzerland, 85 points
2. Ingemar Stenmark, Sweden, 75
3. (Tie) Peter Mueller, Switzerland and Ken Read, Canada, 40 each
5. (Tie) Leonard David, Italy and Bojan Krizaj, Yugoslavia, 34 each
7. Piero Gros, Italy, 30
8. Martial Donnet, Switzerland, 26

9. (Tie) Josef Walcher, Austria and Erik Haker, Norway with 24 each
11. Dave Murray, Canada, 23 points.

World Cup standings for countries

1. Switzerland, 207 points
2. Italy, 165
3. Austria, 110
4. Sweden, 102
5. Canada, 70
6. Liechtenstein, 35
7. (Tie) Yugoslavia and West Germany, 34 each
9. Norway, 25
10. Soviet Union, 23.

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WORLD CUP WOMAN: Christa Kinshofer of West Germany in action this week on her way to victory in the giant slalom for the women's World Cup at Val d'Isere, France.

Swede skier wins 2nd World Cup slalom

KRANJSKA GORA, Yugoslavia, Dec. 22 (AP) — Ingemar Stenmark, Sweden's skiing king, savored his second World Cup triumph within 24 hours Friday, winning a men's giant slalom race, beating Peter Luescher of Switzerland.

both heats for a total of 2 minutes, 28.51 seconds.

Luescher finished more than one second behind, in 2:29.91, but held on to his lead in the World Cup overall standings with a total of 85 points.

place with 75 points.

Local idol Bojan Krizaj, second fastest in the first heat, dropped to third overall in 2:30.53.

Stenmark, the defending World Cup champion, was timed in 1:13.92 in the first heat and in 1:14.59 in the second.

The 22-year-old Stenmark clocked the fastest times in

Stenmark, with three victories in four races, is in second



Argentine World Cup hero and star of Spain's Valencia club Mario Kempes exchanging vows last Tuesday with Maria Vittoria "Mari" Martinez, 18, in Valencia Cathedral. The ceremony was relayed live on Argentine television. The couple went through a civil ceremony earlier in the week.

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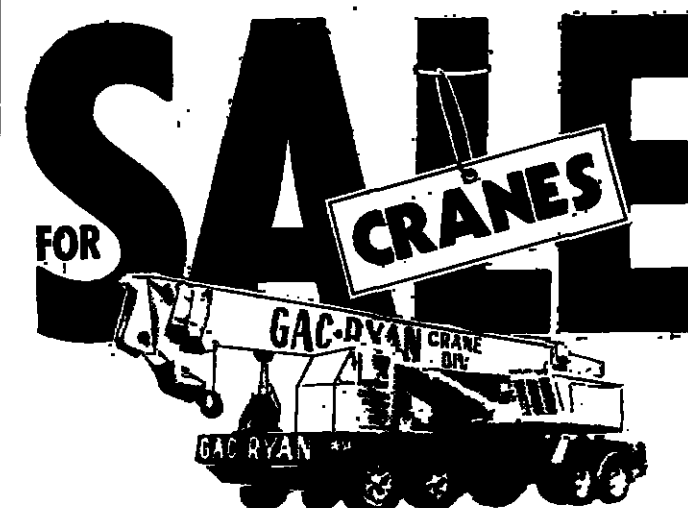
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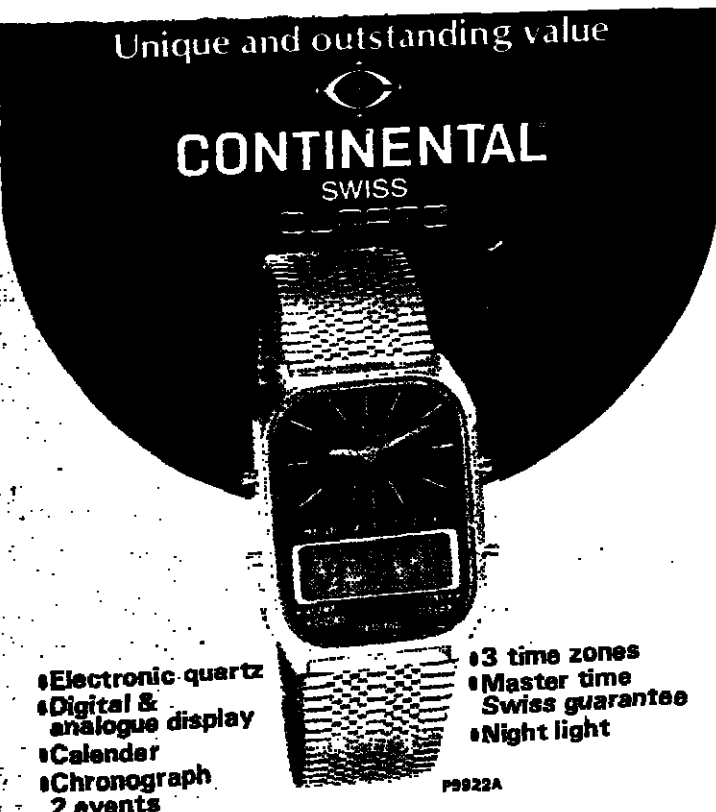


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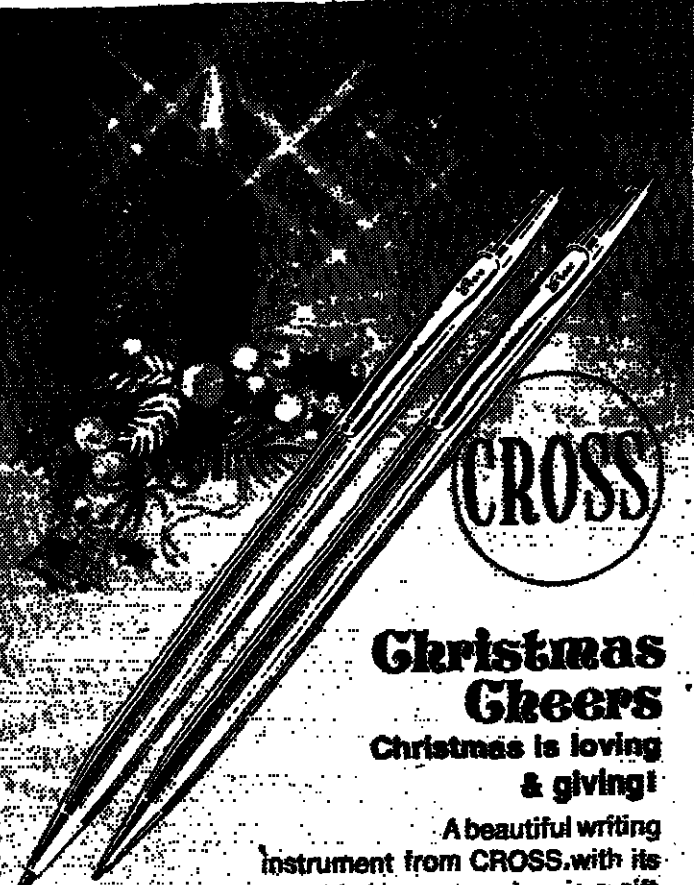
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U.S. inflation slows

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Price increases for food, housing and clothing slowed in November as the U.S. cost of living rose by an unexpectedly small 0.5 per cent four-month low, the Labor Department reported Friday.

J.S., EEC each no pact in tariff cuts

GENEVA, Dec. 22 (R) — The United States and the European Economic Community (EEC) said Friday they had still not reached agreement on tariff reductions in world trade talks and would continue negotiations early next month.

The two sides said in a joint statement that the 99-nation talks had made significant progress on all issues.

The U.S. and the nine-nation EEC had essentially resolved differences on obstacles to trade other than tariffs, the statement said.

The U.S. and EEC negotiators said the major elements of a final balance in negotiations on farm trade were now in the table.

14 policemen arrested at Egyptian port

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (AP) — Fourteen Alexandria Port policemen have been arrested and indicted for "embezzling" \$1.6 million worth of narcotics, the newspaper "Al Akhbar" reported Friday.

The paper quoted Prosecutor General Amr Abu Sehi as saying 14 policemen had sold narcotics to local traffickers.

Sehi also claimed the defendants had "confessed" they stole last September 639 kilos of opium, hash and methaqualone (quads) tablets from the port stores where narcotics confiscated from traveling smugglers normally are kept.

"This is the first time ever that Egyptian policemen are implicated in narcotics trafficking," said Capt. Sayed Mohammad of the Anti-Narcotics Squad.

an annual inflation rate of just over 6 per cent, well below the current rate of nearly 10 per cent for this year.

However, the Carter administration, which had been expecting sharper price boosts for November, is not forecasting a significant drop in inflation until mid-1979 at the earliest.

The 0.5 per cent rise in November compares with 0.8 per cent increases during the previous two months, and was the lowest since a 0.5 per cent jump in July.

November was the first full month for President Carter's new anti-inflation program. However, the relatively small consumer price rise appears to be just a coincidence. Administration officials have said it will take several months for the effects of that program to be felt.

Food and housing prices rose 0.3 per cent in November compared to a 0.8 per cent jump in October. The November figure

Japan agrees to defer payment of Turkish debts

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (R) — Japan and Turkey Friday signed an agreement to defer repayment of Turkey's debts to Japan until after early 1980, the foreign ministry announced.

The ministry said the debts to be covered by the accord totalled about \$120 million falling due in the period from January 1977 until the end of June next year.

The decision, reached at a creditor nation's meeting held last May, was aimed at helping Turkey tide over its deteriorating external reserve position, it said.

In Brussels however the Common Market Commission said Thursday the community does not have the means to help Turkey overcome its balance of payments problems.

But it recommended that the EEC increase its long-term financial aid to Turkey to considerably more than the 310 million units of account (\$424 million) agreed in 1977 for the period up to 1981.

The commission's spokesman said it could do no more on the more immediate ba-

is the smallest housing price increase since November 1977.

Transportation costs jumped 1.2 per cent compared with a 0.4 per cent rise in October, an increase attributed largely to sharp jumps in the prices of cars and gasoline.

Medical care was up 1.1 per cent, the same as in October.

Overall the government's consumer price index stood at 202.0 in November, which means that consumer prices have gone up 102 per cent since 1967 — or more than doubled.

At the same time, the Labor Department reported that workers' real after-tax spendable earnings rose 0.3 per cent in November, after accounting for inflation. It was the first monthly increase in spendable earnings since last July. However, for the 12 months ending in November, workers' buying power declined 3.4 per cent, as wages failed to keep pace with inflation, the department reported.

U.S. rejects 2nd plan to import Algerian gas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The U.S. government's energy department has denied a proposal to import large amounts of liquefied natural gas from Algeria through a planned terminal on the Texas Gulf coast.

It was the second rejection of a major LNG import project by the department this week. Last Monday it turned down plans to import Algerian gas by way of Canada.

In the new decision, Hazel R. Rollins, deputy administrator of the department's economic regulatory administration, stated, "we again cannot conclude that a long term commitment to an LNG project of this magnitude is now needed."

El Paso Eastern Co., United Gas Pipe Line Co., and related firms had proposed importing 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day, for 20 years, chilled into liquid form at some 260 degrees below zero Fahrenheit and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in refrig-

erated tankers to proposed facilities in Matagorda Bay on the Gulf of Mexico.

The project's cost was estimated at more than \$4.5 billion.

At the terminal, the gas would have cost about \$3.26 per thousand cubic feet, almost two-thirds more than the highest recent wellhead prices for gas produced in the United States.

Last Monday, the same agency's administrator, David J. Bardin, rejected a proposal by Tenecco Atlantic Pipeline Co. for a \$5 billion project to import, by pipeline, natural gas shipped in liquid form to a port in Canada.

The latest rejection cited similar reasons, noting that natural gas supplies in the United States now appear adequate to meet demand, and the nation has hopes of finding additional supplies at home or importing gas more conveniently through overland pipelines from foreign sources.

Soviet experts visit Ankara

ANKARA, Dec. 22 (R) — A three-man Soviet technical team arrived in Ankara Friday for cooperation with Turkish technicians in oil and natural gas exploration, Turkish radio reported.

Turkey and the Soviet Union agreed to cooperate in this field during a mixed economic commission meeting in Moscow two months ago.

The Soviet technicians will stay in this country for one month and conduct scientific research into geophysical and geological methods of oil exploration in Turkey.

China's oil industry to modernize country

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AP) — China's petroleum industry has since early this year "been prepared to play its part in modernizing the country and to increase oil output," the official Hsinhua news agency said Friday.

It said the petroleum ministry reorganized its leading group to consist of both "red and expert" cadres, including four oil specialists who were recently appointed deputy ministers.

Three deputy ministers are concurrently in charge of the work at Taching, North China and Shengli oilfields, the report said. It said more than half of the leading cadres have gone to basic production units since late October to check up on

preparations for next year's work.

Hsinhua said all ministers and department heads have attended lectures by technicians once a week for the past six months. They have studied oil drilling, production and logging techniques as well as petroleum geology, electronic computers and the geological formation of China's oil and gas fields.

It said the ministry has sent 51 groups on study tours of 15 foreign countries.

This year, Hsinhua said, the ministry "imported twice as much up-to-date equipment as in 1977. At the same time the export of crude oil and other oil products was one fourth more than last year."

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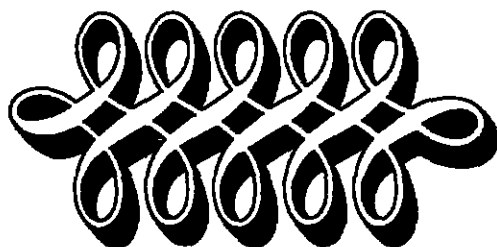
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Late News

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Slow but steady progress

SALT talks to extend into third day

GENEVA, Dec. 22 (R)—American and Soviet negotiators Friday reported further progress toward conclusion of a treaty to curb the nuclear arms race and said they would extend their talks into a third day Saturday.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko emerged from a third meeting with comments indicating that the six-year-old SALT (strategic arms limitation) negotia-

tions might end in success soon.

Gromyko said after the two and a quarter hour morning meeting that while it was still too early to say that all questions had been finalized, "today we also covered some distance on the questions on which there was a lack of accord or a lack of complete accord."

Vance said, "We covered additional ground, but there is still some more ground to be

covered."

The talks will continue through Saturday morning at least, the State Department said.

Vance, asked about the possibility of a U.S.-Soviet summit conference in Washington next month to sign an agreement, answered tersely "no guesses."

His Soviet counterpart said in connection with the third session that "We should not

lose hope" and said that after continuing the discussions "We shall be able to say something more definitive and final as far as this meeting is concerned."

A State Department spokesman said no announcement on the outcome of the talks was likely before Saturday, adding it was entirely possible that Vance's meeting in Brussels with senior Israeli and Egyptian peace negotiators would have to be postponed until Sunday morning.

The spokesman said while Vance rated Friday morning's meeting a good one, "real substantive work" remained. While the spokesman said there had been no unexpected snags, the extension made it plain the talks were going more slowly than expected.

The steady progress reported over the first three sessions appeared to confirm the optimism of members of the U.S. delegation at the start of the latest round of negotiations Thursday.

The U.S. has been insisting that encoding the deliberate scrambling of radio signals during missile tests—be banned as part of any agreement.

American officials said earlier that this was the sole issue that could still make or break the agreement.



PROTEST: Taiwanese students demonstrate against the American decision to establish ties with Communist China and abrogate the defense treaty with Taipei. Sen. Barry Goldwater has sued to prevent President Carter from assuming the right to rescind the treaty.

Goldwater takes the president to court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Sen. Barry Goldwater filed suit Friday to stop President Carter from terminating the U.S. defense treaty with Taiwan on grounds that the action "will set a dangerous precedent" enabling a president to rescind defense treaties at will.

Carter announced a week ago that the United States would extend diplomatic recognition to the People's Republic of China. He also said the 1954 treaty with Taiwan would be ended.

Among the five senators, one senator-elect and eight representatives who joined Goldwater in the suit filed in U.S. district court were Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina.

The action seeks to have the court declare the termination of the defense treaty unconstitutional and illegal and asks that Carter be prevented from taking any further action.

"The president's action is one of the worst power grabs in American history," Goldwater said in a statement. "By bringing this suit, I and my colleagues who are joining with me, are seeking to uphold the Constitution."

The complaint says the Senate is a partner with the president in treaty-making as part of the Constitution's admonition that the Senate must "advise and consent" to such agreements with foreign governments.

The White House had no immediate comment.

Goldwater called Carter's action unprecedented and said it was "shrouded in secrecy, contrary to a law enacted by Congress specifically calling for prior consultation."

"If the president gets away with it," Goldwater said, "then each and every treaty the United States has with another country, such as NATO or our alliances with South Korea and Japan, will be put in doubt."

BBC faces holiday blackout; World Service may shut down

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Agencies)—BBC radio programs went off the air Friday while management held a new round of talks with union officials seeking to avert a total blackout of all its radio and television services during Christmas.

The corporations normal four channels were merged into a single emergency channel broadcasting mainly news and current events.

The outlook for the World

Service remained uncertain.

The news cast a gloom over many British homes as they prepared for their cozy family Christmas nowdays increasingly built round the lavish seasonal fare of the television networks.

Alasdair Milne, managing director of BBC-Television, promised Britons they would see the Queen's Christmas message. It will be transmitted by executives.

He also expressed confi-

dence that the managers could maintain some sort of service on Christmas and Boxing Days—transmitting, at least, the film "the sound of music," for which the corporation has paid 2.5 million sterling (\$5 million).

"I can't see how they are going to do it," said the Association of Broadcasting Staff, which has called the strike.

The independent television channel and radio stations, whose technicians are generally paid more than those at the BBC, are working normally.

There was better news, at least, for motorists Friday after many had queued for hours for petrol from dwindling stocks at service stations.

Union negotiators said they would recommend thousands of delivery drivers to accept a new pay offer, call off an overtime ban and cancel a strike set for Jan. 3.

Zambia says army camp hit by Rhodesian planes

LUSAKA, Dec. 22 (R)—Rhodesian Air Force planes Friday attacked a Zambian national service training camp in Central Province, north of the capital, the government said.

It gave no further details, but informed sources said it was the first Rhodesian air raid on a purely Zambian target.

National service provides basic military training for Zambian school-leavers, who are housed in camps in different parts of the country.

Previous Rhodesian air strikes into Zambian territory have been aimed at camps of Joshua Nkomo's ZAPU, the Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union, guerrillas.

About 1,000 people died in Rhodesian attacks on ZAPU

Kampiles, 24, given 40 years for stealing satellite secrets

HAMMOND, Ind. Dec. 22 (Agencies)—Former CIA clerk William Kampiles, expressing contrition for his crimes of espionage and theft, was sentenced Friday to 40 years in prison for selling satellite secrets to the Russians.

Kampiles, who turned 24

Thursday, had been convicted on espionage charges after a two-week trial last month in the U.S. District Court in this industrial city in northern Indiana.

The trial was told that Kampiles, the son of a Greek immigrant steelworker, had confessed to passing a top-secret manual on the advanced "early bird" satellite system to a Soviet military attaché when he went to Athens on holiday last February.

The satellite has solar-charged cameras that monitor Soviet missile sites and troop movements.

The court heard that Kampiles gate-crashed a Soviet Embassy party, then did the rounds of Athens nightclubs with the attaché.

The defense contended that Kampiles was a misguided patriot who tried to pass himself off as a double agent for the CIA intending to pass false or useless information.

Kampiles admitted receiving \$3,000 from the Russians, but insisted he gave them nothing but promises for the money.

He denied stealing the manual while he was working at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, for nine months last year.

The government disclosed during the trial that 13 of the manuals were missing.

Defense lawyer Michael Monico has appealed. He said the confession had been coerced by the threats that Kampiles' mother would be arrested because she had put the money into a joint bank account.

W. Germany abandons hunt for lost ship

BONN, West Germany, Dec. 22 (AP)—Twenty-eight persons were given up for lost Friday in the Atlantic as the West German government called off the search for the freighter Muenchen 11 days after the ship sent its first SOS message.

The search for the Muenchen and the 28 people on board was abandoned after no trace of the 37,134-ton vessel was found.

A spokesman said nine aircraft, including a British Nimrod reconnaissance plane, and five ships sought the ship on the last day of the search Thursday. It was reported missing 400 miles north of the Azores.

Mecca warns on illegals

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—The Governorate of Mecca has urged all companies, establishments and individuals not to employ any foreigner who does not hold a valid license or residence permit and breach of the rule would have serious consequences. Violators would have to pay for any foreigner illegally employed. It said that the Committee for the Release of Imprisoned Bankrupts would not help if the alien owed money to his illegal employer.

Arab satellite size to be studied

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—The size of the Arab satellite will be decided at the eighth session of the board of Arab Sat which opens here Saturday. The week-long session will also decide the final composition of the permanent executive machinery of the body, and financial and training issues. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman and Libya are members of the body.

18,237 kilometers of asphalted road

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—A total of 18,237 kilometers of roads were asphalted by mid-1978. It was announced Thursday that 25,235 kilometers will be asphalted by 1980, compared with 12,169 kilometers completed to 1975. The Ministry of Communications is building 3,523 kilometers of main and secondary roads. Studies for 6,497 kilometers have just been completed and the ministry is preparing studies and designs for 10,589 more kilometers.

Factory licenses announced

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA)—a total of 1,262 licenses were issued in the past four years for various plants. The License Department of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity announced Thursday that 942 factories were financed by Saudi capital, and that 320 were joint ventures and 396 had gone into operation by the end of 1978. Ninety were joint ventures, and 306 Saudi. During 1978 the department studied 696 requests for grace periods by Saudi and foreign businessmen for further feasibility studies. It went on to say that 234 applications for deadline extensions were endorsed, and that 818 were rejected because the planned production will not be marketable.

From page one

Treaty

"There will be no signature of a peace treaty without the signature of the letters."

On the future sale of Israeli developed oil in Sinai to Israel, another point of dispute, Ghali said Egypt was willing to consider Israel like any other customer. "But they wanted a guarantee for a proportion of the production. We

cannot accept this. We have complete sovereignty over Sinai." The minister stated.

Meanwhile the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) Friday denounced the Brussels meeting reaffirming the Palestinian people's refusal to accept the Camp David accords.

A statement issued by Naim Khader, the PLO representa-

tive in Brussels, said his organization does not believe Israel wants peace in the Middle East.

"The recent bombing of Palestinian refugee camps and of the civilian population in Lebanon by the Zionist artillery and air force constitute a new proof," Khader said.

He recalled that the Camp David agreements as well as their possible consequences, had been rejected by the Arab countries that attended a summit meeting in Baghdad recently.

Syrian

official statement, the explosion was detonated by remote control from the nearby Beirut River valley.

Reporters who visited the scene said the charge was placed on the side of the road next to a tree, which was badly splintered and set aflame by the explosion.

Ambassador Tuani said the attacks were a flagrant violation of Lebanon's sovereignty, international law and the 1949 Lebanon-Israel armistice agreement.

"We also deplore that this attack should have been launched while the Security Council, the secretary-general, and UNIFIL

OPEC

Consalvi said industrial world attacks have not ceased since 1974 when the price of petroleum went up.

"OPEC has been considered enemy number one of the industrial nations," he said a release of the state news agency Venpress.

"On the other hand, they (the industrial countries) have tried to divide the countries of the Third World—the oil importers and exporters—and they never were successful. I don't believe they will be successful in what they are urging now."

Lebanon

(the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon) are all engaged in stabilizing the situation in south Lebanon with a view to fully implementing Resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) aimed at establishing a zone of peace in the area," he continued.

"The Lebanese government reserves the right to call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council, should that become necessary," Tuani added.

New

In London, meanwhile, a spokesman for the Western oil consortium operating in Iran said Friday that Iran's oil production has stabilized at 3.1 million barrels in the last 24 hours—with unspecified technical problems still unresolved. The latest production figure is the same as Thursday's when the recent recovery in Iran's oil output was reported to have run into a temporary technical hitch.

Meanwhile Egypt condemned the Israeli attack as a "defiance of the U.S.-arranged efforts to remove obstacles to Mideast peace treaty," the official Middle East News Agency reported.

France also "vigorously deplores" the latest Israeli attack and "condemns all acts of violence and reprisals," a foreign ministry statement said.

Britain condemned what it described as "recent terrorist incidents" in Israel and also the Israeli raids.

6 Gandhi

Desai said that he had asked for Singh's resignation because he had described the government as a pack of impotent people.

Singh made the comment last June because of what he said was the government's failure to take swift and strong action against Mrs. Gandhi.

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